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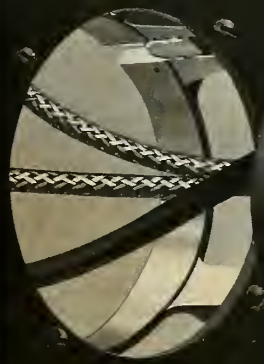
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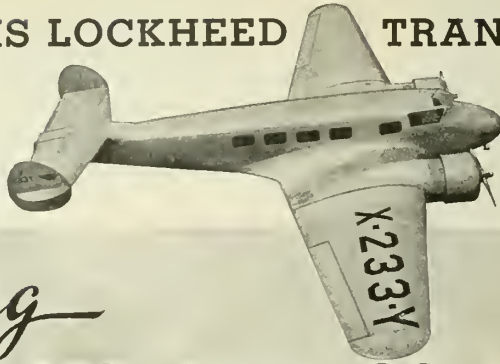


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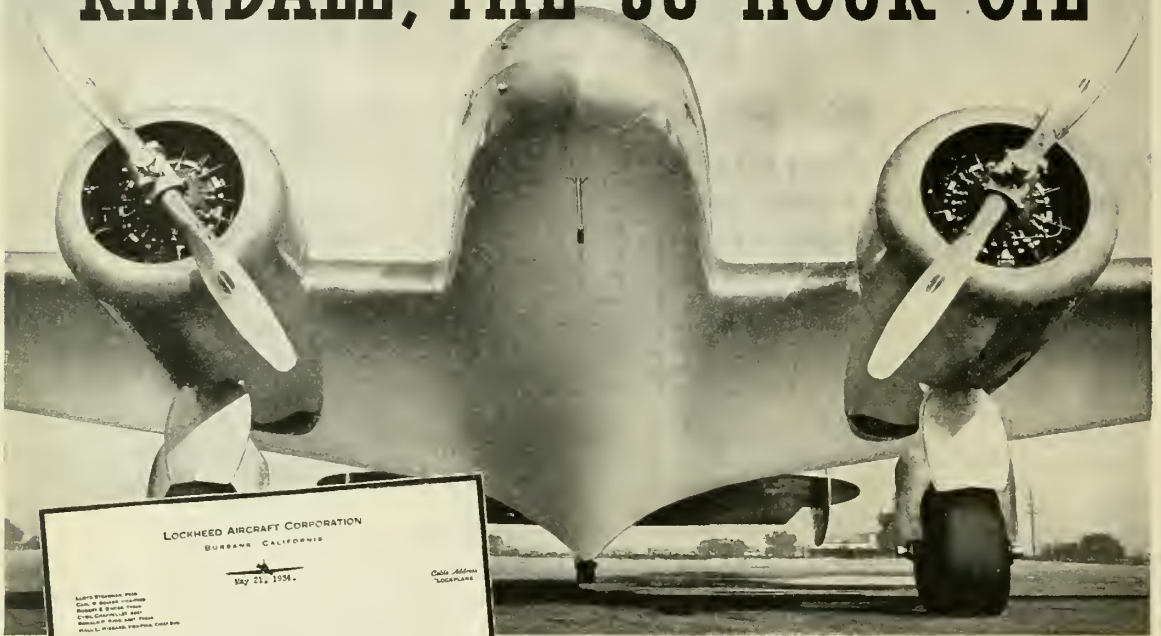
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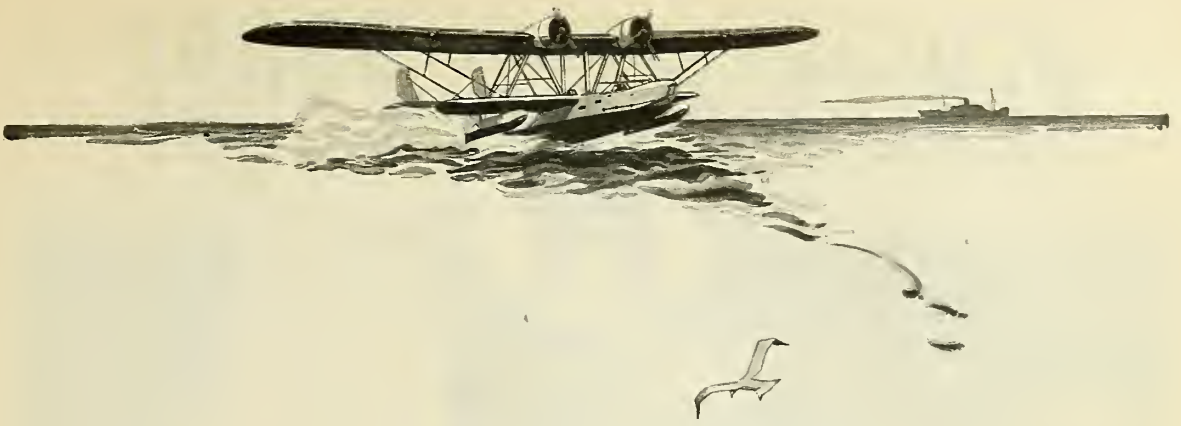
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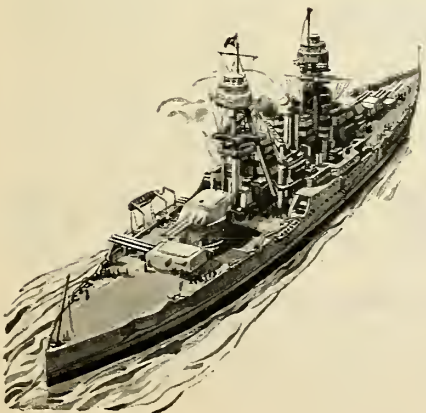
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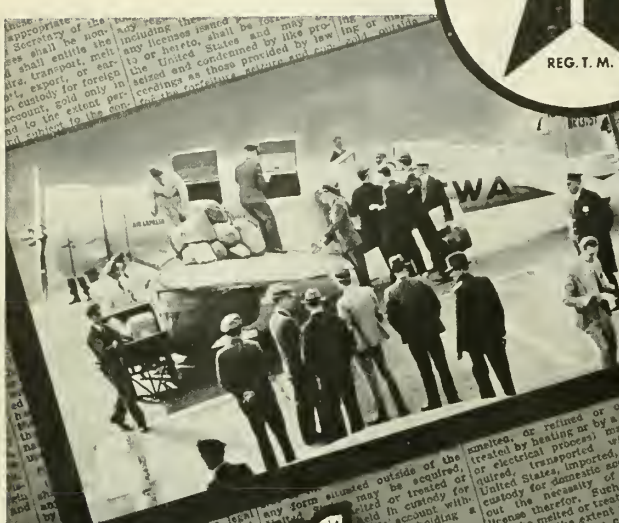
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By a Staff Correspondent  
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Above the clouds at Lindbergh Field, San Diego, California, the new Ryan sport plane demonstrating its high speed of 142 miles an hour with a 95-horsepower Menasco engine



# AIR

## Hot and Otherwise

FRANK A. TICHENOR

● The bill to revise air mail laws (Bill S. 3170) provides for a drastic reversal of policy toward commercial aviation on the part of the government. This bill calls for the appointment of a commission to study, survey and report on the recommendation of a broad policy covering all phases of aviation, but the committee will have to carry on its studies during a period when, if the companies comply with the many other provisions of the same bill, conditions are changing so rapidly that study will be difficult. The study by the commission will also be highly prescribed. It is entirely possible that such a commission might consider unwise many of the provisions of the present bill. To get the best results and to proceed in the most orderly way, the commission should make its report first and defer the enactment of the legislation until after that report has been made and considered, or defer until June 1, 1935, the necessity for complying with the other provisions of the bill. This is not too much to ask of a commission which has the power to revive or ruin the aviation industry.

The first 19 of the bill's 21 sections will require a series of actions to be taken before the commission appointed in the last two sections reports, which will make it most difficult and, perhaps, impossible to carry into effect any policy recommended by the new commission that does not entirely agree with the actions taken under the first 19 sections.

### Consider Present Status

It is possible that the commission may reach the conclusion that at least some portions of the former and present air transport systems are sound and should be continued. The commission to be really effective should have a full opportunity of considering the present status before that status is completely changed.

The new bill will subject this very small new business to the jurisdiction of five departments of the government; the Post Office, the Department of Commerce, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the National Labor Board, and the Comptroller General. Each one is given enough authority which will permit it to bankrupt the industry.

Many of the provisions of the bill are

subject to severe criticism. For example, it provides that the Comptroller General shall speedily determine the issue of responsibility, in the event that the Postmaster General holds that a low bidder is not responsible. The statute does not provide any guide for direction to the Comptroller General as to whether or not the determination is to be based on some financial responsibility. Probably Congress intends to make financial responsibility the sole test, because the present bill will repeal the Watres Act, which contains provisions to secure experienced bidders, and operations over a fixed route of over 250 miles in length.

### Illogical Rate Payment

The maximum rate of payment is not logical. The bill provides a payment not to exceed 33 1/3 cents per airplane mile for a mail load not exceeding 300 pounds, but if the mail load increases one-third, the base rate is increased only one-tenth. Such a provision will be an incentive to efforts on the part of operators to fly more small planes, rather than fewer large planes. A situation of this type, experience shows, would lead to constant bickerings between the Post Office Department and the operators.

The designation of four transcontinental routes and the eastern and western coastal routes as primary routes is mandatory. The Postmaster General has a permissive right to designate many other routes as primary. In view of the provisions prohibiting any one contractor from operating more than one primary route, the result of the operation of the new law may be to bring about a series of later readjustments of companies, with all of the attending confusion, losses to stockholders and lessening of economies in operation.

One section provides that the Interstate Commerce Commission will give a direction to the Postmaster General if only one bid is received, or if the bids appear to be excessive. This gives to a Commission which at the present moment knows nothing whatever about the subject, a power without any limitation or suggestions for guidance.

Limitation of the number of air mail route miles is made to forty million. This is within the Congressional author-

ity, but the question arises as to the wisdom of curtailing a service which might break even, or even return a profit to the government, if permitted to increase to serve the demands of the air mail using public.

The Interstate Commerce Commission should not be limited to 33 1/3 cents per airplane mile for 300 pounds, or a maximum of 40 cents per airplane mile, because it may very well be that the Commission would favor the carriage of mail in very large ships. Provisions of the pending bill might tend, therefore, to hinder development.

The Commission is authorized to review the rates each year in order to be assured that no unreasonable profit is resulting by reason of the contracts. There is no mention of the possibility of losses, although the history of the great majority of air mail operating companies in the past has been one of losses rather than profits.

If the Commission is to have the power of fixing fair and reasonable rates, it should be permitted to take into consideration the company's investment and to fix a rate that will return a reasonable profit on that investment. Otherwise it will be increasingly difficult to secure funds for investment in air transport lines.

### Power of Contract Termination

Provision for indefinite extension of contracts hereafter let is entirely inconsistent with the competitive bid idea. It means that the Interstate Commerce Commission will have the power of permitting companies in operation to continue in perpetuity. But the section also contains a provision that any such contract might be terminated at any time upon sixty days' notice. This is open to the very serious objection that, if the political complexion of the Interstate Commerce Commission should change, the air mail contractors, with many million dollars of private capital invested in their lines, would be at the mercy of a political situation over which they had no control. This would also prove a serious deterrent to the investment of substantial sums of money to private parties.

A much better arrangement would be for the grant of a certificate of conven-

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The greater number of aircraft over the number of entrants is accounted for by the fact that several foreign pilots have made a choice of American aircraft in preference to the products of their own countries. This is a fact to which we, in this country, can take pardonable pride. The foreign pilots have put aside nationalistic feeling, and in their desire to win, have placed their chances in the results to be achieved by American products, indicative of the esteem in which our aeronautical industry is held in other lands.

Foreign pilots who will fly American aircraft include Col. James Fitzmaurice (Irish Free State) in a Bellanca of special low-wing design; K.L.M. (Royal Dutch Airline), in a Douglas DC-2 transport; Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith (Australia), Lockheed *Altair*; J. Woods and H. C. Miller (Australia), Lockheed *Vega*; Lt. Marshall Lindholm (Sweden), Northrop *Delta*; Michael Detroyat (France), another Lockheed.

Our chances of winning the race are in the hands of some of our most capable pilots. Our aircraft will be representative of every type manufactured in the United States. Five Lockheeds will be flown by American pilots. Wiley Post undoubtedly will use his *Winnie Mae*, which has been considerably modified and prepared for

high altitude, high-speed work. Ruth Nichols plans to fly an *Altair*. A third Lockheed was entered by Walter T. Varney and Laura Ingalls and R. F. Lape will also fly this type of ship.

Two Douglas's, understood to be twin-engined airliners, have been entered by Harold Gatty and Roscoe Turner, while Clyde Pangborn has chosen a Gee Bee monoplane. Among other American entrants and the type of planes they intend to fly are: Roy W. Ammel, General Aviation GA-38, tri-motored airliner; Keith Reider, a low-wing monoplane of his own design; Jack Wright, Warner-powered Monocoupe; Stanley C. Huffman, Stinson Reliant; David W. P. Clough (one of our youngest transport pilots), a Cessna and Louise Thaden, a Beech A-17-F.

With these men and women will ride the hopes of an entire industry. Whether or not we will be able to maintain or exceed the \$5,500,000 worth of export business done in six months, may in a large measure depend on the success or failure of their efforts in the MacRobertson Race.

## Six Cents An Ounce

• One provision in the new air mail bill that is favorable to the operators as well as to users of mail service is the establishment of a six-cent air mail rate. This two-cent reduction is 25 per cent less than the old rate and will bring greater volume of mail into our air mail planes.

Two years ago when the rates were increased from five to eight cents for each ounce or fraction thereof, volume dropped at a discouraging pace. The opposite effect will naturally follow now that the six-cent rate is an actuality.

As volume continues to increase, greater profits will accrue not only to the carriers, but also to the Post Office Department. It is not unreasonable to expect that the volume of air mail will become so increased that a further reduction in the rate will be deemed desirable. It is essential that the rates eventually should be decreased to a figure comparable to what our Post Office now refers to as its "first-class mail" rate.

However, the new rates, although only a couple of pennies lower than the old, are a step in the direction toward our long-cherished and frequently announced goal—all first class mail by air.

## Maintaining America's Supremacy in the Air

• The new Sikorsky S-42 built for Pan American Airways represents the graphic progress that has been made in this country toward catching up and surpassing any aircraft which our ambitious European neighbors have launched in the race for key positions on the important international trade routes.

The South American market particularly, and other foreign markets generally, represent lucrative fields for the export trade of many countries and covetous glances have been cast in those directions by Germany and France. To wrest leadership from America along the east coast of South America, the German subsidized Lufthansa has already begun a trans-Atlantic service over the Bathurst-Natal route. The steamship "Westphalen" is now used as a mid-Atlantic refueling base while development work is being pressed upon tri-motored Junkers seaplanes with which they expect to fly non-stop across the ocean between Europe and Brazil. The French, who have likewise been competing with the Americans in South America for the past five years, are ready to test the last of three airliners with which they hope to span the Atlantic non-stop, to give the French a faster service than either the Germans or the Americans enjoy between this rich commercial area and its industrial capitals on the continent.

The new Pan American Clipper, however, is both larger and faster than the French Government-built ships, and conclusively demonstrates the progress made in the development of marine flying equipment for America's international mail service. It is the climax of successive jumps from the Sikorsky S-36, created in 1928, with its 500 horsepower motors, 8,000 pounds gross weight and 90 mile per hour speed to the first "Clipper Ships" with 2,100 horsepower, 118-mile-an-hour speed and 34,000 pounds gross weight. Intermediate steps in this evolution, were the S-38, an 850-horsepower, 8-passenger amphibian; the 1,150-horsepower 17,000-pound Commodore flying boats, commercial sister ships of the present navy patrol boats which have been used by Pan American since 1929, and the S-41, an 1,100-horsepower, 12-passenger amphibian.

# Fireproof Hangar Construction

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Artist's conception of proposed reinforced concrete rigid frame type of hangar

● In observing and studying all of the modern wonders of the airplane, it is possible that most of us are apt to pass over some of the less romantic details which are essential to flight and the piloting of aircraft.

With this remark, attention is called to that prosaic type of building known as the airplane hangar. Just as the roundhouse is seldom considered in connection with the romance of railroading, the garage with the development of automobiles, so is the importance of the hangar forgotten in connection with the airplane.

## The Development of the Hangar

In the thirty years since the first flight, the development of the airplane has gone even further beyond that which shelters it. In fact, the actual structural principles in the design of a hangar and the materials of its construction have shown no real advancement in all the years that such a structure has been in existence. Architecturally the appearance of hangars has been somewhat improved and perhaps there has been some increase in size. Beyond this, however, the principle of the hangar today is the principle of the hangar built years ago.

## Previous Types of Construction

At present, the construction of hangars has followed almost entirely three schools of thought. Where appearance meant little and the cost of the structure was important, it has been the practice almost entirely to utilize wood construction. This type of hangar has served long and faithfully and was very practical for its time.

The next school of thought utilized steel trusses supported on steel columns and covered with steel or other sheeting. This type likewise served its purpose admirably, where appearance did not count and where first cost was the most im-

portant item. During the days when there was such a tremendous activity in airport and hangar construction, such buildings were built by the hundreds and many companies attempted mass production, then competed widely on a price basis, resulting in flimsy structures, many of which have since been destroyed by fire, wind storms or other causes.

A third school of thought in hangar construction utilized a composite type wherein steel or wooden trusses were supported on masonry walls, concrete, or steel columns, and in this type of construction more thought was given to the appearance of the building and some attempt made to achieve a degree of architectural beauty.

In the above evolution, there has really been only slight improvement and some of the major problems of a hangar remain unsolved. The problems of resistance to high winds have been solved by more rational and careful structural design. Those of fire, however, remain unconquered.

## Fire Problems of a Hangar

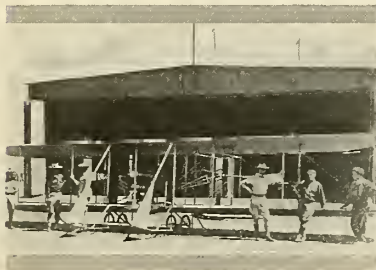
At this point a few of the more salient thoughts in connection with hangar fires will be introduced. It is hardly necessary to call attention to the fact that some of the present-day airplanes are combustible machines. Practically all structural parts of earlier airplanes and even some parts of the modern planes are

composed of wood, usually spruce, or other highly inflammable material. In turn, the fuselage and wings of the airplane are often covered with fabric coated with a cellulose dope, a highly inflammable agent. Then comes the gasoline fuel, which is not only inflammable in a liquid state, but explosive in a gaseous state.

Many laymen, when confronted with this information, will state that modern airplanes are utilizing large amounts of metal for frame work, wing, and fuselage covering, and that this fact should make an airplane safe against fire. However, there still remains the gasoline, which may be likened to the dynamite cap ready to be set off by a wandering spark. When gasoline kindles, very little time elapses before the temperature of the duralumin, or other aluminum alloys used, is raised to its melting point and then to its flash point. Most engineers know that aluminum is a metal which is akin in properties to magnesium. All that is necessary to make aluminum and its alloys combustible is to raise them to their rather low burning point.

It is believed, therefore, that the engineer should go further into the design of structures to house airplanes by following a similar trend to the development of our modern fireproof office buildings. It is also believed that this trend should follow to some extent the design of fireproof warehouses, such as cotton compresses, etc.

All types of human endeavor reach their greatest heights when cooperative action and thought can be attained. This is especially true when one considers the importance of cooperation among the different branches of the engineering profession. Accordingly, the mechanical or aeronautical engineer must turn to the structural engineer for the answer to many of his problems, whether they be for the structure of an airplane or



Air Corps wooden hangar built about 1912



Typical war-time military hangar built in 1917



Steel and sheet metal hangar built in quantities from 1927 to 1929

whether they be for the structure of the building that houses the airplane. In the development of a new field of hangar design, the structural engineer must draw largely from the knowledge developed by the bridge engineer. In turn, the aeronautical engineer must turn to the structural engineer for advice and counsel in the construction of a hangar.

In the following information, it is believed that an opportunity is presented for the aeronautical and structural engineer to profit from the principles evolved by the bridge engineer. However, the only particular principle which will be considered in this article will be that which has come to be known as the rigid frame principle of structural design.

Before proceeding with some of the actual applications of rigid frame design to hangar construction, it is well to give some thought to the plans which have been evolved in the construction of bridges. Rigid frame bridges have been developed extensively throughout the world and have successfully utilized both reinforced concrete and structural steel. In all cases the utilization of this design for bridges has shown many advantages and economies, in detail, cost and utility. In many cases the same advantages are noted when the principle is applied to buildings.

Radical departures from conventional structural design may be noted when specific rigid frame bridges are studied. In these, attention is called to the soffit slab at the bottom of the concrete girders, the roadway slab at the top (which together compose cellular construction), to the cantilever footings and the distribution of material in the structure. Here is the apparent complexity of a structure,

designed as a unit rather than a conventional structure, made up of separate members having independent structural action. Through this new structural concept, long spans may be attained without sacrifice of slenderness and mass.

The reasons for the soffit slab are evidenced when the stresses in a restrained end beam are considered. It is almost axiomatic that the most efficient reinforced concrete member capable of resisting flexure is the T beam, and in rigid frame design where the moment reverses at the inflection points, the T is reversed, giving the rigid frame design tremendous advantages.

Before proceeding, however, it is advisable to compare a reinforced concrete rigid frame bridge with an equivalent bridge constructed of steel pony trusses. This comparison will give further inkling of the structural advantages where rigid frame construction is substituted for structural steel roof trusses in an airplane hangar.

### Rigid Frame Hangar Design

For purposes of study the suggested adaptation of rigid frame bridge design to a long span building structure, will be introduced here. In this example, a suggested airplane hangar with a span of 85 feet will be considered. The structural principles in bridges are closely followed in this design, and the soffit slab, or reversed T, is introduced at the point of inflection. In the dimensions the total depth of the concrete girder carrying this span is 42 inches. An equivalent structural steel roof truss for this same load capacity and span would be approximately 9 feet deep.

Where the soffit slab is introduced, a monitor effect is attained with the introduction of louvres for ventilation and light, and the spacing of the concrete girders is approximately the same as that where structural steel roof trusses are used. The roof slab connecting these girders, which also serves to form the T, is haunched from 8 inches thick to only 3 inches at the center, attaining a highly economical roof framing.

### Constructional Advantages

As might be expected slight changes are necessary. The most important is in the vertical column portion of the rigid frame. In this case, a fixed end column is utilized rather than a pin-connected effect. This is indicated by moving the vertical wall outward at the point of inflection, so that the T action of this vertical member is maintained throughout, just as that of the original girder.

In addition to the structural advantages it provides a space within the hangar for shelves, lockers, work benches, etc. For light and ventilation, the vertical walls are carried only to the width necessary for development of T action in the girder. The spaces between are filled with steel sash and the effect of the entire structure is a monolithic concrete building throughout, rather than the composite type of building used on many fields in this country.

It is interesting to compare this projected type of hangar with the framing of a conventional composite type designed by the author for the Galveston, Texas, Municipal Airport and illustrating a highly conventional and widely accepted type of framing. This particular hangar also happens to have an 85-foot clear span, which makes its comparison to the reinforced concrete rigid frame hangar more striking.

In the architect's perspective of the rigid frame hangar little attempt is made to show architectural embellishment, and the building as drawn is reduced to its simplest structural details. This shows a remarkable proof of an accepted adage of structural engineers, which says that any properly designed and proportioned structure has symmetry and beauty. In this



Modern composite type hangar widely used on American military flying fields

particular case, a highly modernistic form of architecture is achieved through strict adherence to structural proportions, accuracy, and scientific design.

The resultant architecture is the highly modernistic type, reflected in some of the buildings at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, and of a large number of buildings constructed by German architects of the modernist school. Many types of architectural embellishment could be applied to this design, but possibly the most advantageous would be the cast-in-place decoration, which is so rapidly achieving favor.

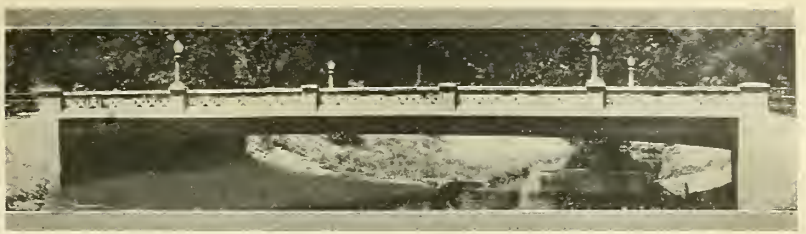
Space does not permit a discussion of the actual scientific details of such a hangar design. Design estimates of this type of structure have been prepared for buildings up to 120 feet in span and, in all cases, the cost estimates compare favorably with those of a permanent type of composite hangar with proper architectural treatment.

### Fire Resisting Advantages

Studies of airplane hangar fires have followed the trend of fire extinguishing rather than fire resisting. In the conventional steel, wood or composite hangar, gross violations have been made of principles long used in tiered buildings of the office or hotel type.

In the development of office buildings, structural engineers spend little time studying methods of extinguishing fires, but turn their attention to the design of structures which would be undamaged by any fires due to inflammable contents.

In the conventional hangar, fire due to inflammable contents is practically certain to destroy the building, whether or not the materials of construction are inflammable. Any excessively hot and intensive fire will quickly heat the structural steel trusses to the melting point, causing them to buckle and collapse. The same fire will quickly ignite a wooden truss.



Martinez St. Bridge, San Antonio, Texas, a reinforced concrete rigid frame type

Statistics issued by the Insurance Underwriters show that in 1930 alone there were twelve major hangar fires in the United States in which three or more airplanes were burned in addition to the building and its equipment. The total value of aircraft alone destroyed in these fires was estimated at about \$2,000,000.

Returning to the reinforced concrete rigid frame hangar, it is pertinent at this time to bring out some of the fireproof advantages. Concrete has long been known as a fireproofing material for structural or reinforcing steel. In the modern tiered building, all structural steel columns, beams and girders are protected by two or three inches of concrete fireproofing, capable of resisting many hours of intense heat without damage to the structural member which it protects. Similarly, reinforced concrete primary structural members usually have two or three inches of additional concrete surrounding the reinforcing bars for the same purpose.

In the reinforced concrete rigid frame hangar, all specifications for fireproofing are easily followed, with reinforcing bars protected with additional concrete.

### Fire Prevention

In any building, fire prevention and control is essentially important.

The ideal solution, in the opinion of the author, would be to construct the building of the same fireproof qualities as

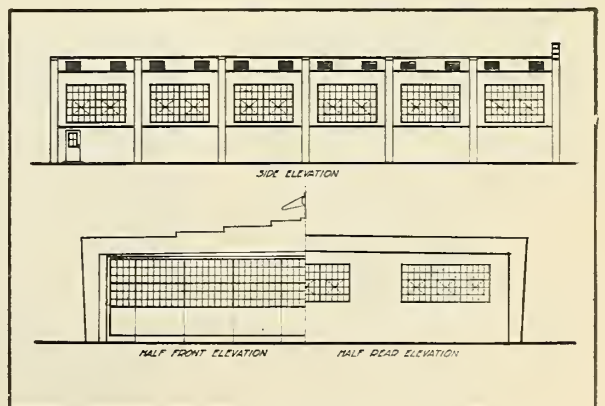
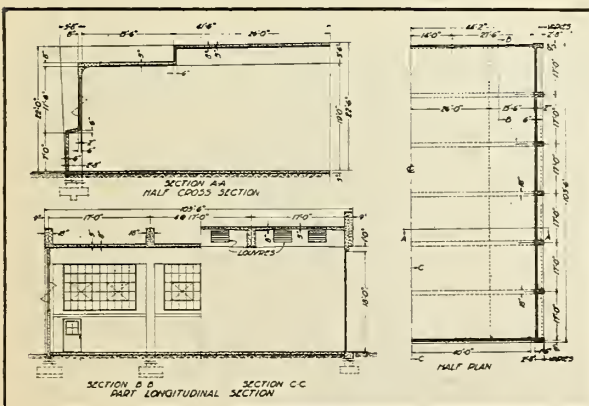
other types of buildings now in use, and at the same time provide all of the practical fire control and prevention devices. The plans for the rigid frame concrete hangar have been submitted to some Fire Insurance representatives for study, and the opinion has been advanced that such a building would carry a greatly lowered insurance rate than any now in effect. In addition, fire insurance on the contents would also be lowered.

If, in addition to fireproof design, the proper fire prevention and control equipment is utilized the fire insurance rate on airplanes and hangars may be lowered.

### Other Types of Fireproof Hangars

The hangars at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, are of the composite type with steel roof trusses and columns and masonry walls. These hangars follow the very latest in hangar practice and have received excellent architectural treatment. However, the Air Corps is cognizant of the danger of fire and has had suspended below the roof trusses, gypsum ceilings, which it is believed will be sufficiently fireproof and fire resistant to prevent destruction of the trusses in event of fire. This method is undoubtedly effective and will do the work, but it is rather a roundabout way of fireproofing, is expensive and adds considerably to the dead weight of the hangar.

In the design of the proposed rigid  
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Structural details and elevations of a proposed rigid frame reinforced concrete hangar

# The Lord High Executioners

CY CALDWELL

● The Lord High Executioner in Gilbert and Sullivan's opera *The Mikado*, found himself in an extremely delicate situation: either he must have someone to execute by a certain date, or he must execute himself. As slicing off his own head necessarily would prove an annoying and probably an awkward business, the Lord High Executioner endeavored to solve his problem by finding an innocent victim whose head might be removed with gusto and despatch. So, hunting desperately for a substitute, he compiled a little list of people who never would be missed.

The Lord High Executioners of the House Military Affairs Subcommittee, some of whom are coming up for reelection and possible political decapitation this fall, have placed on *their* little list the honored name of Major General Benjamin D. Foulois, Chief of the Army Air Corps. Evidently they have done this with the pious hope that the spectacle of a gaudy military execution will in some measure divert an annoyed electorate's attention from that dramatic Administration blunder known as The Great Air Mail Robbery, starring Jim Farley and a crew of undertakers.

One fly in the smooth ointment of this plan of the Lord High Executioners is the fact that Benny Foulois *would* be missed; another is the fact that General Foulois is not the sort of Army officer to take an unjust attack sitting down. The Executioners have charged him with offenses ranging from "dishonesty" to "gross misconduct," and have recommended that "before any substantial progress in the upbuilding of the morale and materiel of the Air Corps can be attained, Gen. Foulois must be relieved from his position as Chief."

American justice has come to a sorry pass when a Committee, obviously interested in excusing and explaining away an Administration blunder, can condemn one man for that blunder and endeavor to place the blame for the government's short-comings on his shoulders alone. It is just too big a splash of political white-wash to pass unnoticed by the critical eyes of the people, who recognize it for what it is: political buncumbe and hocus-



Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

pocus, designed to confuse and becloud the issue, to shift the blame.

It is not my purpose to endeavor entirely to excuse General Foulois for his part in the Army air mail fiasco in which twelve Army pilots lost their lives. I am convinced that some of the fault is his, but certainly not his alone, as this Committee would have us to believe. When Gen. Foulois told an Assistant Postmaster General that he was "quite certain" the Army could carry the mail, and that the men who would be flying the air mail routes had from 30 to 60 hours of night flying, he was mistaken, as events proved. No doubt he was honestly mistaken. But it was his responsibility, as Chief of the Air Corps, to *know* how well or how ill his pilots could fly:—what hours of night-flying experience they had had and how suitable or how unsuitable was the equipment they were to use. That he did not know this, or that, knowing it, he was unduly optimistic about the outcome of the experiment, the deplorable losses have demonstrated.

However, in common fairness to him, the Committee instead of charging him

with inefficiency, inaccuracy, unreliability, incompetency, and mismanagement should have considered the position in which he was placed.

It has been reported that members of the General Staff had assured the White House that the Army *could* carry the mail. If this is so, General Foulois certainly found himself in a tough spot. If he disagreed he would be in the position of having to admit that as cross-country pilots Army pilots were the inferiors of civilian pilots—an admission that *no Army man anywhere in the world would make*, until forced to do so by incontrovertible facts. If he declared that Army pilots were insufficiently trained, that statement would be a blot on the reputation of the Army. General Foulois' whole life training as a gallant and courageous officer would practically *force* him to accept a *certain* admission that the Army Air Corps was incompetent. Yet this obvious bit of military psychology was ignored by the Committee. Foulois was blamed for everything, and the General Staff was permitted to slide out of all responsibility for the air mail fiasco. *Yet they command the Army and Foulois.* As for Jim Farley, the Highest of the High among the Lord High Executioners, his honor remained unscathed by even the slightest word of reproach by the Committee. As I wrote in an article in the May issue of *AERO DIGEST*, "That leaves General Foulois holding the well-known bag." From which, I might add, the equally well-known cat has now emerged. I expected him, mewing, whining, and yowling to the newspapers.

All of this is offered, not as an excuse, but as an extenuation which fairness would have taken into consideration. But fairness is hard to find among politicians, who normally are recruited from among the slickest of our citizens, most of them lawyers who have had much to do with law and but little to do with justice.

That the Army Air Corps, as a whole, is incapable of flying with any appreci-

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# THE AIR SERVICES

## U.S.S. Ranger Joins Navy

THE NEW aircraft carrier, U.S.S. *Ranger* became a unit of the U. S. Navy when she was commissioned and turned over by her builders to Captain Arthur L. Bristol, her commander. Colorful ceremonies attended the acceptance of the ship with Norfolk naval officers, thousands of enlisted men and the public witnessing the ceremonies.

Nearly 1,000 officers and enlisted men are already aboard the carrier, and more will be added from time to time until the entire personnel totals 1,300.

The *Ranger* is slightly more than 12,000 tons and in recent speed runs off the coast of Maine developed a cruising speed of 29.5 knots an hour and a maximum speed of 34 knots an hour (39.16 miles an hour). About 75 planes will be carried aboard the ship which is equipped with elevators and elaborate machine and repair shops. The *Ranger* is the first naval vessel designed as an aircraft carrier when the keel was laid.

## ZMC-2 Being Overhauled

THE ONLY metalclad airship in the Navy, the ZMC-2, is still deflated and its inspection and annual overhaul is progressing according to schedule at the Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J. Inspection showed the ship to be generally in excellent condition and capable of continued service.

Dr. L. B. Tuckerman from the Bureau of Standards made the inspection to observe the alclad hull of the ship.

## Army Seeks School Site

A SPECIAL BOARD of the U. S. Army Air Corps has made an inspection of sites for a large aviation technical school in Houston to replace the one destroyed by fire almost a year ago at Chanute Field. Before definite action is taken, however, the board will decide whether to reestablish a school at

Chanute Field or build another in some southern city.

Members of the board included Lieut. Col. Barton K. Yount, Maj. Herbert A. Dargue, Capt. Otto J. Trunk and Maj. E. B. Lyon.

## MACON MAKES RECORD TRIP ACROSS COUNTRY

RETURNING FROM the naval maneuvers in the Caribbean Sea, the U. S. S. Macon, the Navy's dirigible, flew from Miami to Sunnyvale, Calif., in 51 hours, the best westward crossing she ever made. Quicker time could have been achieved if the ship had not been idled up the Pacific Coast for a daylight mooring. The cross-country trips were the longest training flights yet undertaken by the dirigible.

## Navy Planes Reviewed by Roosevelt

185 NAVY planes, attached to the carriers *Saratoga*, *Lexington* and *Langley*, provided 50,000 persons, high government and military officials and President Franklin D. Roosevelt with the greatest thrill of the day when they put on a spectacular display of flying during the Presidential review of the United States Fleet as it steamed into New York early last month. Their mock bombing attack of a destroyer featured the events of the day and left little doubt concerning the fighting ability of our naval aviators.

The squadrons, under command of Rear Admiral John Halligan, included fighters, observers, scouts and bombers. After completing their formation flights, snake dances, dive bombing and aerobatic maneuvers for the President and his guests, two divisions flew over New York City before returning to their carriers. Among the types in the demonstration were Boeing F4B-4's, Grumman fighters, Curtiss Hawks and Vought Corsairs.

## Army Asks Bids for 90 Planes

FURTHER ACTION intended to bring the Army Air Corps to greater efficiency and numerical strength was taken by the War Department when bids were invited for 90 new high-speed attack planes.

The department thus neared the halfway mark in its goal for 300 to 400 planes for 1935 under the new 3-year airplane program. Thus far bids have been asked on 175 new planes for 1935, of which 80 are bombers. Originally it was intended to buy only 30 attack planes, but this number has been increased.

## Muhlenberg Commands Bolling Field

WITH THE transfer of Lieut. Col. Barton K. Yount to the Army Industrial College, command of Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., Army air base, has been taken over by Lieut. Col. H. C. Kress Muhlenberg.

Col. Muhlenberg came to Bolling Field from the Air Corps Tactical School, Maxwell Field, from which he recently was graduated.

Another change in the command of an Air Corps base took place when Brig. Gen. Charles H. Danforth succeeded Col. Albert L. Sneed as commander of Langley Field. General Danforth commanded Langley Field some time ago and subsequently was in charge of Selfridge Field and assistant to the Chief of the Air Corps at Randolph Field.

## Army Officers Honored for Service

TWO AWARDS, each a cherished, coveted and singular honor, were given last month by the Army Air Corps to two officers for their outstanding work in the field of aeronautics.

Capt. Westside Larson, Rockwell Field, received the Mackay Trophy, the Army's highest award for aerial achievement for his contribution to aerial defense, method and procedure, demonstrated in a number of flights in which instruments alone were used in flying to and returning from designated points at sea.

The Distinguished Flying Cross, with Oak Leaf Cluster was presented to Capt. Albert F. Hegenberger for his initiative, energy and flights in testing the Air Corps system of blind flying and instrument landings. Secretary of War Dern made the presentation.

## Illinois Unit in Maneuvers

A FORMATION flight, featuring maneuvers and exhibition flying was made over Northern Indiana by the 108th Observation Squadron, Illinois National Guard. The aerial activity was centered above the South Bend Municipal airport with eight planes, under the command of Capt. C. A. McElvain, comprising the unit.



Newest fighter for U. S. Marine Corps, the P. & W. powered Boeing F4B-4

## Analyzing Wing Beams by Means of Polar Diagrams

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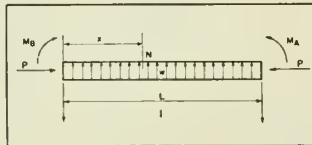
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● An accurate method of simplifying the strength calculations on wing beams, carrying complex forms of lateral loading or changes of section within beams, would gladly be received by the designing engineer. Existing analytical methods are often extremely laborious, necessitating the solving of a large number of simultaneous equations, but the Polar Method makes it possible to deal expeditiously with these types of wing beams. The purpose of the illustrated problems that appear in this paper is to show how the polar diagrams are applied in solving typical wing beams.

In June, 1928, the first article on polar diagrams was submitted by H. B. Howard in England (Ref. 1), describing the theory of the method as applied to single and continuous beams with end loadings. Since then new presentations of Mr. Howard's method enable one to apply it without necessarily mastering the theory. (Ref. 2).

The principle of these diagrams is that polar instead of rectangular co-ordinates are employed. The bending moment diagram is built up entirely from arcs and circles drawn with reference to a pole point. The length of the beam is represented by an angular measurement, and the actual bending moment at any point is represented by a radius vector on the moment diagram.

This paper was awarded second place in the Fifth Annual Boeing Scholarship competition offered by William E. Boeing. The award entitles the author to a choice of courses in the Boeing School of Aeronautics, Oakland, Calif., and he has chosen the Airlines Operation Course. This course, formerly the Master Mechanic Course, includes twenty hours of flying instruction.



Illustrative figure

The equations that will be derived are the fundamental equations upon which the Polar Method is based.

### Nomenclature

- M—true bending moment at any section.
- x—distance from the left support.
- y—deflected position of any section.
- w—uniform running load on beam.
- E—modulus of elasticity of the beam.
- I—moment of inertia of any spar section.
- S—true shear.
- S'—apparent shear (due to lateral loadings only).
- i—slope.
- P—end load.
- L—length of main bay.
- a—length of sub-bay.
- u<sup>2</sup>—P/EI.
- m—M—w/u<sup>2</sup> (a convenient quantity for diagram construction).
- α—ua radians = 57.3 ua degrees.
- β—defined in discussion.
- θ—defined in discussion.

The differential equation for beam deflection is:

$$M = EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + Py \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

In the illustrative figure the moment at any point is:

$$M = M_1 + \frac{(M_2 - M_1)L}{2} \frac{wx}{L} + \frac{wx^2}{2} - Py \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Differentiating twice with respect to x:

$$\frac{d^2M}{dx^2} + P \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = w \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

From the usual beam theory assumption:

$$M = EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

Then:  $\frac{d^2M}{dx^2} + u^2M = w \dots\dots\dots (4)$

Solving:

$$M = A \sin ux + B \cos ux + \frac{w}{u^2} \dots\dots\dots (5)$$

Replacing A and B, the constants of integration, by C and ε:

$$M = C \sin ux + \epsilon \cos ux + \frac{w}{u^2}$$

By trigonometric substitution:

$$M = C \cos (ux - \epsilon) + \frac{w}{u^2} \dots\dots\dots (6)$$

And:

$$m = M - \frac{w}{u^2} = C \cos (ux - \epsilon) \dots\dots\dots (7)$$

For shear:

$$S = dM = -uC \sin (ux - \epsilon) \dots\dots\dots (8)$$

By differentiating (1):

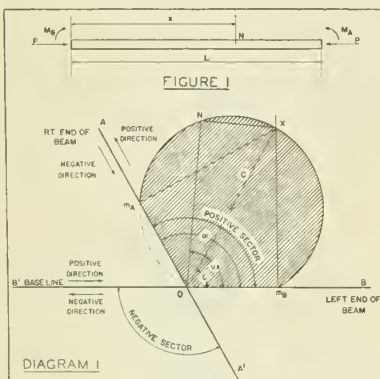
$$S + Pi = S' \dots\dots\dots (9)$$

A curve representing equation (7) in polar co-ordinates is a circle passing through a pole O, with a diameter of C making an angle with a base line of ε. The construction of a moment diagram will be explained with reference to diagram 1.

### Single Bay Beams

General steps in construction of polar diagrams:

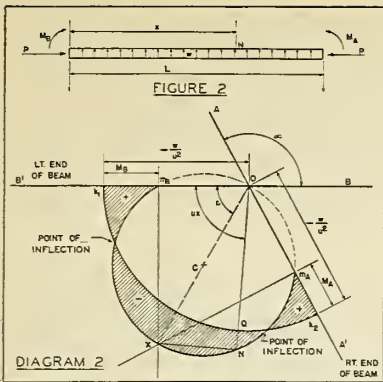
1. Lay off the base line BB', representing one end ray, left end of the bay.
2. Choose a pole point O on BB' and draw in the right end ray AA' making an angle α with BB'. The length of the bay is then represented in angular measurement by α.
3. The angle AOB is considered a positive sector and the angle A'OB' a negative sector. Any movement from the negative sector to the positive sector is positive. A displacement from B' to B and A' to A will then be positive.
4. Lay off the displacements on the respective end rays for the end moments



Moment Diagram

Single bay beam, with end moments, end loads and constant moment inertia; no lateral loads





Moment diagram for Single Bay Beam, with uniform running load, equal end moments, end loads and constant moment of inertia.

$M_A$  and  $M_B$ ; all lines in the diagram will then have the units of a bending moment. Now we have three points through which the circle will pass,  $m_A$ ,  $m_B$  and  $O$ .

5. A fourth point, termed the apex  $X$ , will be located at the intersection of normals to the end rays at  $m_A$  and  $m_B$ .

6. Other apices would be necessary where discontinuities in loadings are encountered. These will be explained later.

**Discussion of Moment Diagram 1**

The moment circle,  $O m_A X m_B$ , has for its diameter  $C$  making an angle with the base line of  $\epsilon$ . It can then be seen that any point  $N$ , figure 1 distance  $x$  from the left end, is represented by the point  $N$ , diagram 1. The angle  $ux$  then represents, in angular measurement, the linear distance  $x$  on the beam. The moment at  $N$  is represented by the radius vector  $ON$ , and the shear by  $u_N NX$ . From the triangle  $ONX$  we obtain the following expressions:

Moment:

$$ON = C \cos (ux - \epsilon) = M_N \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

Shear:

$$u_N NX = C \sin (ux - \epsilon) \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

When looking along a radius vector in the positive direction the shear is positive when measured to the right.

Then:

$$S_N = -u_N NX$$

The true shear then changes from posi-

tive to negative as we pass from  $m_A$  to  $m_B$  while the apparent shear is constant and positive.

$$S' = \frac{M_A - M_B}{L} \dots \dots \dots (12)$$

**Discussion of Moment Diagram 2**

This diagram illustrates the moment diagram for a beam with a uniform running load, all other conditions being the same as in figure 1. All loadings that act upward are considered positive and downward negative.

The load, tending to reduce the positive moment within the bay, introduces a new term, "the loading arc." When  $w$  and the end moments are positive the arc will lie in the lower sector. This is obvious from the quantity  $m = M - w/u^2$ . The loading arc  $kk_2$  is laid off with  $O$  as a center and  $w/u^2$  as a radius. The support moments are measured from  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ . The moment is the vector intercept between the loading arc and the moment circle. At point  $N$  it is represented by the vector  $QN$ . The correct procedure for concentrated loads will be fully covered in the continuous beam problems.

**Continuous Beams**

Continuous beams can be solved when the external loading, end moments and end loads are known. The beam is broken up into two separate bays, each within supports. In solving this type of beam two diagrams are generally required for each bay. The first diagram is a skeleton diagram from which values are obtained that will enable one to determine the inner-support moment. The second diagram is the actual bending moment diagram and can easily be drawn when the inner-support moment is known.

With the skeleton diagram linear relations can be set up between the moments, shears and slopes at the two ends of each bay, such as is done in the ordinary theorem of three moments. Having found these relations, the inner-support moment is readily determined.

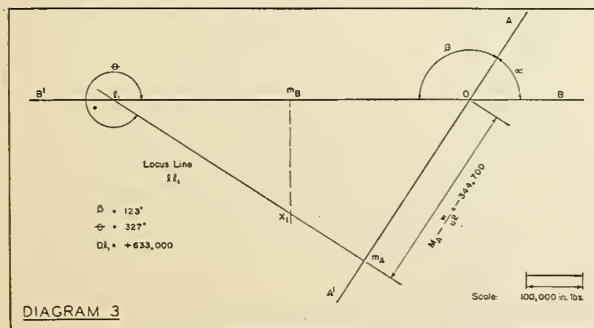
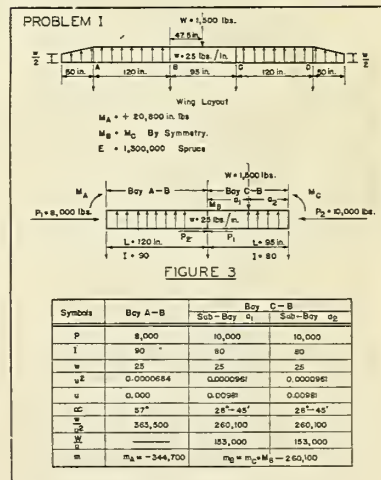
Let us now consider a typical wing beam such as might be found in the upper wing of a biplane (Problem 1).

**Discussion of Skeleton Diagram 3**

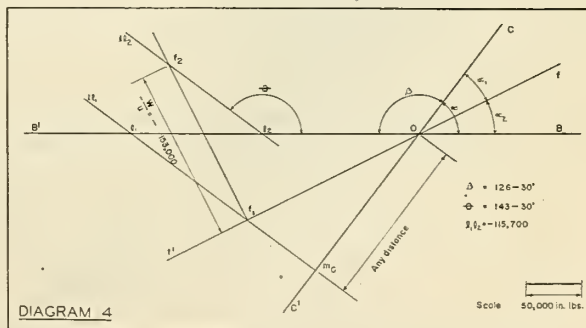
The same sign rule for sectors applies here as before. In dealing with the bays A-B and C-B, directions from A to B and C to B are taken as positive, making B the common point of reference. It will then be necessary before equating the two expressions for slope on each bay to change the sign of one.

Since the quantity  $m_A$  is laid off on the end ray  $AA'$ , the quantity  $m_B$  will be represented somewhere on the base line  $BB'$ . Assume the point to be as shown in diagram 3. If normals are drawn to the points  $m_A$  and  $m_B$  they will intersect at an apex  $X_1$  which would be one of the four points through which the moment circle of the moment diagram would pass if  $m_B$  were correctly located. Clearly the line  $m_B X_1$  represents the shear at  $m_B$  for the point as chosen, and  $m_A X_1$  represents the shear at  $m_A$ . The line normal to  $m_A$  is called the locus line  $ll_1$  and intersects the base line at  $l$ . The angle  $AOB'$  is termed  $\beta$  and the counter-clockwise angle from the base line to the last locus line is designated by  $\theta$ . The important quantities from the diagram are: the intercept  $Ol$ , and the angle  $\theta$ . Movements toward  $B'$  are reckoned positive.

From equation (8) and diagram 3:



Skeleton diagram for bay A-B, problems I and II



Skeleton diagram for bay C-B, problem I

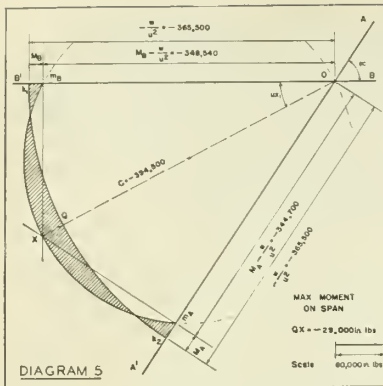


Diagram 5: Moment diagram for bay A-B, problem I, uniform running load, unequal end moments, end loads and constant moment of inertia

$$\frac{S_B}{u_B} = m_B X_1$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{S_B}{u_B (O l_1 + m_B)}$$

Since:  $O l_1 = m_A \sec \beta$   
 Then:  
 $\frac{S_B}{u_B} = (m_A \sec \beta + m_B) \tan \theta \dots (13)$

From equations (9) and (12):  
 $Pi_B + S_B = \frac{(M_B - M_A)}{L} + R_B \dots (14)$

Where:

$R_B$  is the ordinary reaction at B due to the lateral loadings, assuming a pin joint at A and B and no end load.

From equations (13) and (14) the slope at point B, in terms of  $M_A$  and  $M_B$ , can be determined.

Discussion of Skeleton Diagram 4

When concentrated loads are encountered the bay is divided into separate sub-bays, the separation being at the point of application. The constants C and  $\epsilon$  will change as the moment diagram passes from one side of the load to the other. It is assumed that the moment and slope of the spar is the same on each side of the load point, and the apparent shear changes by W on passing the load point.

The skeleton diagram is shown in diagram 4. The normal at  $m_c$  intersects the sub-bay ray at  $f_1$ . At each ray a measurement along the line, of  $w/u^2$ , takes account of the change of running load w, and a measurement perpendicular to the line, of  $W/u$ , takes account of the concentrated load W. For running loads a positive measurement is made by a displacement from the negative sector to the positive sector when looking along the ray in the positive direction. Likewise for

a positive concentrated load the measurement is made by a displacement to the right. Since W is negative, the displacement will be to the left. With these loading displacements, the projection  $l_1$  on the base line, would always be the same regardless of where the initial point,  $m_c$  on the end ray  $CC'$  was chosen. It is, however, very helpful to make an approximation of the end moments so that the sign of the distance projected can easily be determined. See addition II.

Shear:

$$S_B = (m_c \sec \beta - l_1 l_2 + m_B) \tan \theta \dots (15)$$

$u_B$   
 Slope:

$$Pi_B + S_B = \frac{(M_B - M_C)}{L} + R_B \dots (16)$$

From equations (15) and (16) the slope at B, in terms of  $M_C$  and  $M_B$ , can be determined. By equating the two values of slope for the two bays (changing one sign) we get a relation between  $M_A$ ,  $M_B$  and  $M_C$ , from which  $M_B$  may be calculated as shown below.

Calculations Bay A-B

From (13):  
 $8,000 i_B + S_B = 0.00537 M_B + 1435 \dots (a)$   
 From (14):  
 $8,000 i_B + S_B = 0.00834 M_B + 1328 \dots (b)$   
 Combining (a) and (b):  
 $8,000 i_B = 0.00297 M_B - 107 \dots (c)$

Calculations Bay C-B

Similarly from (15) and (16)  
 $10,000 i_B + S_B = 0.00494 M_B - 13 \dots (d)$   
 Combining (c) and (d):  
 $M_B = +16,960 \text{ in. lbs.}$

Discussion of Moment Diagrams Problem I and II

The moment diagram for bay A-B (diagram 5) is constructed as explained for dia-

gram 1 and 2. For bay C-B (diagram 6) a separate moment circle is drawn for each sub-bay, necessitating the use of two apices. Apex  $X_2$  for sub-bay  $a_2$  is located at the intersection of the locus line  $l_2$  and the normal to  $m_B$ . From  $X_2$  a line parallel to  $f_1 f_2$  cuts  $l_1$  at  $X_1$ , locating the apex for sub-bay  $a_1$ .

The results of the beam analysis appear in the following table:

Method of Solution	PROBLEM - I			Location of Max. Mom. From Left End-me.	Max. Mom. on Bay	Location of Max. Mom. From Left End-me.
	Support Moments $M_A + M_B$ in lbs.	$M_B + M_C$ in lbs.	Max. Mom. on Bay			
Polar	+20,800	+16,960	-29,900	61.8	+26,900	47.6
Precise Equations	+20,800	+16,960	-29,900	61.8	+26,900	Cannot be Calculated (Ref. 4)
PROBLEM - II						
Polar	+20,800	+26,300	-23,500	62.4	-1,700	47.2
Precise Equations	+20,800	+26,300	-23,500	61.7	-1,800	48.1

Results from analysis (slide rule calculations)

Problem II is exactly the same as Problem I except the concentrated load has been removed from bay C-B.

The precise equations used were: (Ref. 3.)

Bay A-B (Diagram 5)

Location of maximum moment:

$$\tan \frac{x}{j} = \frac{D_2 - D_1 \cos \frac{L}{j}}{D_1 \sin \frac{L}{j}}$$

Maximum moment:

$$M_{max.} = \frac{D_1}{\cos \frac{x}{j}} + wj^2$$

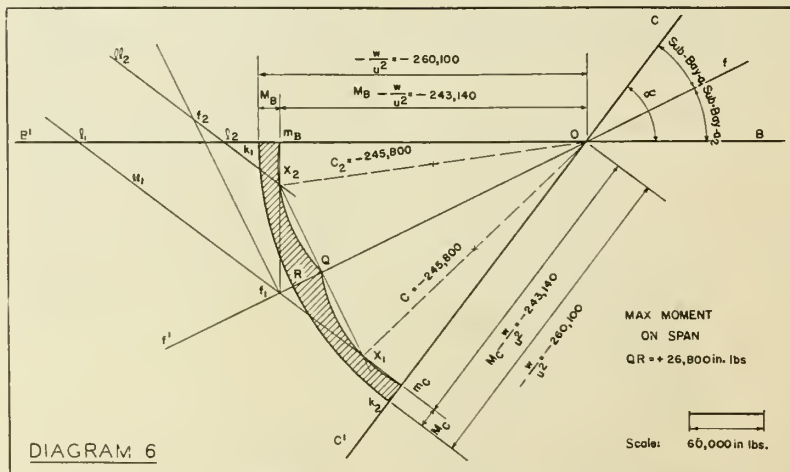
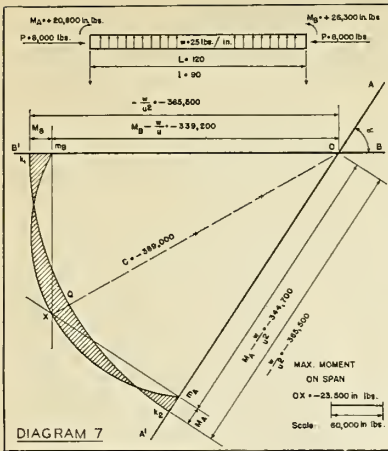


Diagram 6: Moment diagram for bay C-B, problem I, uniform running load, concentrated load, constant moment inertia, equal end moments, end loads



Moment diagram for bay A-B, problem II. Uniform running load, unequal end moments, end loads and constant moment of inertia

#### Bay C-B (Diagram 6)

Maximum moment (Ref. 4):

$$M_{\max} = \frac{x}{j} \frac{\sin \frac{x}{j}}{\sin \frac{L}{j}} \left( D_2 - j \sum W_2 \sin \frac{L - a_2}{j} \right) + wj^2 \left( \cos \frac{x}{j} - \sin \frac{x}{j} \cot \frac{L}{j} \right) \left( D_1 - j \sum W_1 \sin \frac{a_1}{j} \right)$$

Mechanical movements (for control-pitch propellers). F. A. King, Los Angeles, Calif. (1,947,853)

Parachute apparatus. Hilbert G. Hamer, Letchworth, England, assignor to Irving Airchute of Great Britain, Ltd. (1,958,000)

Automatic steering system. Ernst F. W. Alexanderson, Schenectady, N. Y., assignor to General Electric Co. (1,958,258)

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Because of space limitations the description of the Polar Method has been very brief, demonstrating its application to only a few simple cases. The range of its application is almost unlimited, covering practically all combinations of loading and sectional variation. For treatment of more involved cases one can refer to (Ref. 1 and 5). In (Ref. 5) the analytical solution with polar equations has been considerably elaborated upon, demonstrating the universality of the polar equations.

When the precise equation is employed a result is obtained at only one particular point. For further information the equation must again be solved. In some cases these equations can not be used to determine the maximum moment within bays, (Bay C-B of Problem I) the solution finally being obtained through calculations at several points.

With the Polar Method after calculating the inner-support moment, the moment diagram can be drawn from which the whole beam can be analyzed by making simple conversions. This diagram clearly pictures the stress distribution on the beam. From the diagram one can easily visualize the effect of changing the loads and sections on the beam. In this respect the method is a time saver and with its accuracy it should prove to be a valuable tool to the stress engineer.

## Recent Aeronautical Patents

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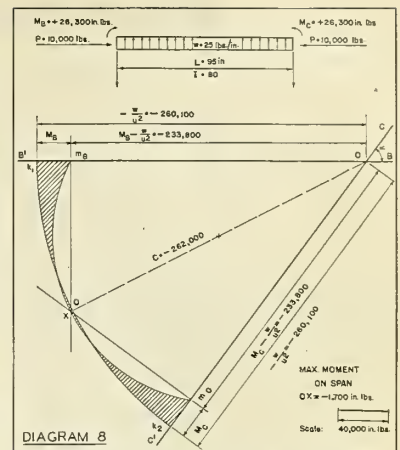
Helicopter. Corradino d'Ascanio, Rome, Italy. (1,960,141)

Catapult for launching airplanes. Ernst Heinkel, Warnemunde, Germany. (1,960,264)

Apparatus for distinguishing the fairway for ships and aircraft. Walter Hahnemann, Berlin-Marienfelde, Germany. (1,960,439)

Wind direction and velocity indicator for airplane landing fields. Walter H. Frank and Thomas Carroll, Washington, D. C. (1,960,735)

Braking mechanism for airships, Ellingwood H. Towle, Larchmont, N. Y., assignor to Secretary of War. (1,960,762)



Moment diagram for bay C-B, problem II. Uniform running load, equal end moments, end loads and constant moment of inertia

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Light beacon for air traffic and for navigation purposes. Pieter van Braam van Vloten, The Hague, Netherlands. (1,961,116)

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Aircraft propeller cowling. Carl H. Hall, San Diego, Calif. (1,961,214)

Magnetic compass for aviation, navigation, and other purposes. Eugene Vion, Paris, France. (1,961,312)

Shock absorber for airplanes. Herbert E. Tucker, Chicago, Ill., assignor to Cardwell Westinghouse Co. (1,961,406)

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Pitch-angle control mechanism for aircraft propellers. Edwin K. Lefevre, Chevy Chase, Md., assignor to Whitfield Engineering Co., Washington, D. C. (1,961,671)

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# Filtration of Sound in the Airplane

## PART TWO: ACOUSTIC FILTERS

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● In Part I we reviewed certain electrical and mechanical principles which have a close analogy to certain acoustical phenomena. We can now pass readily to the acoustical ideas themselves.

### Simple Conception of a Plane Sound Wave

As a rule sound waves are spherical waves radiating from the center of a sphere. At some distance from the source the "front" of the sound waves may be considered to be the same as a plane sound wave. If a sound is traveling in a tube it certainly can be considered as a plane wave, and in our discussion of sound filtration, we can assume all waves to be plane waves.

The simplest conception of a plane wave is that illustrated in figure 1, where a piston is moving to and fro with such simple harmonic motion that the velocity may be represented by the equation  $v = V_0 (\cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t) = V_0 e^{i\omega t}$  with the real part of the velocity equal to  $V \cos \omega t$ .

If the piston is taken to be at its neutral position at time  $t=0$ , then its velocity is greatest at time  $t=0$ , and the pressure immediately adjoining the piston is evidently also greatest at the same instant. As the piston slows down in its motion to the right, the displacement of the sound wave to the right will relieve the pressure, and it will fall to zero pressure above atmospheric. Then as the piston moves to the left, the excess pressure and condensation will evidently be followed by negative pressure and rarefaction. It is fairly clear that the pressure will be in phase with the velocity.

We can therefore say that the excess pressure  $p = p_0 e^{i\omega t} = p_0 (\cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t)$  where  $p_0 \cos \omega t$  is the real part of the excess pressure.

The displacement of the piston will evidently lag  $90^\circ$  or  $\pi/2$  behind the excess pressure and the displacement.

The plane sound wave will be propagated along the tube with similar cycles of pressure, particle displacement, and velocity at any point in the tube, as at the point A where the piston is at work.

However, if the velocity of sound in the medium is  $C$  then at the point of B, a distance  $L$  from A, the pressure cycle

will lag in time by an amount  $t = \frac{L}{C}$

and the pressure at point B will be represented by

$$p = p_0 \left[ \cos \omega \left( t - \frac{L}{C} \right) + i \sin \omega \left( t - \frac{L}{C} \right) \right]$$

It is convenient and customary to use the following notation:

- (1)  $\omega = 2\pi n$  where  $n$  is the frequency of the piston and hence of the sound wave.
- (2)  $C = \eta \lambda$  where  $C$  = velocity of sound and  $\lambda$  = wave length
- (3)  $\frac{\omega}{C} = K$
- (4)  $\frac{\omega}{C} = \frac{2\pi n}{\eta \lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = K$

with this notation  $\frac{\omega L}{C} = KL$ , and  $p$  at the point B is  $p = p_0$

$$\left[ \cos (\omega t - KL) + i \sin (\omega t - KL) \right]$$

In dealing with short filters, we can assume that everything occurs at *one* point in the filter, and therefore  $KL$  is a constant.

Putting  $\omega t = \omega t - KL_1$

$$p = p_0 \left[ \cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t \right]$$

and we can neglect the prime and simply write

$$p = p_0 (\cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t) = p_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

### Velocity of a Sound Wave

It can be readily shown that for a gas

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{dp}{d\rho}}$$

where compression and change in density occurs adiabatically. We can see roughly why this should be. Acceleration should be proportional to  $p/\rho$  and velocity at a given point should be proportional to the square root of the acceleration. Classic texts of course develop this idea much more accurately.

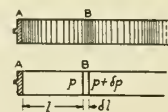


Figure 1  
Simple conception of a sound wave



Figure 2  
Helmholtz resonator

We are concerned with accurate mathematical expressions only in so far as the filter is concerned.

A very careful distinction should be made between the velocity of propagation of a sound wave, and the velocity of a particle vibrating to and fro about a point of equilibrium. So small is the vibration of the particle, that even with a high frequency the velocity is minute.

### Acoustic Elements, the Helmholtz Resonator

We shall now consider the acoustic elements which are used in the construction of an acoustic filter.

The first is the Helmholtz Resonator which consists of an enclosure communicating with the external medium through an opening of small area. The opening may be flat as in figure 2, or in the form of a neck, and the resonator can be separated into its components. Thus inside the resonator there is a volume of air  $V_L$  which is alternately compressed and expanded by the movement of the air in the opening. This part of the resonator is analogous therefore with the "stiffness" element of a mechanical vibrating system.

The air at the opening moves as a whole and so provides a mass or inertia element.

At the opening there is a radiation of sound into the surrounding medium leading to the dissipation of acoustic energy, and providing an element analogous to the damping element in the mechanically vibrating system, or the non-inductive resistance of the electric circuit.

We shall first calculate the stiffness coefficient. As the expression for the velocity of a wave in a gas fluid is

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{dp}{d\rho}}, \quad dp = C^2 d\rho$$

If the volume of the resonator is decreased adiabatically without its mass being changed, we must have

$$d(V_L p) = 0 = \rho dV_L + V_L d\rho$$

$$\text{so that } d\rho = -\rho \frac{dV_L}{V_L}$$

$$\text{Hence } dp = -\rho C^2 \frac{dV_L}{V_L}$$

If the displacement of the air in the neck

of the resonator is denoted by  $x$ , measured positively into the inside of the resonator, then a positive displacement in the neck corresponds to a decrease of the volume in the resonator and we have

$$dV_L = -Sx$$

where  $S$  is the cross-sectional area of the opening. Hence we can write  $dp$  or simply excess  $p = \frac{\rho C^2 S x}{V_L}$ . The total

force acting to produce the volume change is then  $\frac{\rho C^2 S^2 x}{V_L}$ .

The mass element is evidently  $\rho_0 S L$  where  $L$  is the length of the neck. It is customary to introduce the quantity  $c_0 = S/L$  which is termed the conductivity of the opening. The mass then becomes  $\rho S^2 / c_0$ .

An expression for the dissipative force, due to dispersion of sound at the opening, is given in texts on acoustics as

$$\frac{\rho \omega K}{2\pi} S^2 \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\rho \omega K}{2\pi} S^2 \dot{x}$$

Where  $K = 2\pi/\lambda$ . This expression is of small interest since we shall neglect dissipative forces in the calculation of a filter.

The equation of motion may now be written as:

$$\frac{S^2}{c_0} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{\rho \omega K}{2\pi} S^2 \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\rho C^2 S^2 x}{V_L} = pS$$

where  $p$  is the external pressure driving the resonator.

Dividing throughout by and writing  $Sx = u$  where  $u$  is the volume displacement, we have:

$$\frac{\rho}{c_0} \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} + \frac{\rho \omega K}{2\pi} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{\rho C^2 u}{V_L} = p$$

If  $p$  is a simple harmonic function of time of the form

$$p = p_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

this equation is similar to the electrical equation

$$L \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} = E_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

given in Part 1, and hence has the same type of solution with

1.  $\dot{u}$  (equivalent to the electric current)

$$= \frac{\rho \omega K}{2\pi} + i \left( \frac{\omega}{c_0} - \frac{\rho C^2}{V_L \omega} \right)$$

= rate of volume displacement

$$2. \text{ The impedance } Z = Z_1 + Z_2 = \frac{\rho \omega K}{2\pi} + i \left( \frac{\rho \omega}{c_0} - \frac{\rho C^2}{V_L \omega} \right)$$

3.  $\frac{\rho \omega K}{2\pi}$  = acoustic resistance of the resonator

4.  $\rho/c_0$  = acoustic reactance or inductance of the resonator.

5.  $-\frac{\rho C^2}{V_L}$  = acoustic capacitance of the resonator.

It is convenient to write  $M = \frac{\rho}{c_0}$  for the reactance and  $\frac{1}{c} = \frac{\rho C^2}{V_L}$  for the capacitance.

#### Acoustic Elements: The Orifice

In discussing the Helmholtz Resonator, we have already considered the vibrating mass in an orifice. If the length of the channel is  $\rho$  and its radius  $a$ , then the mass of the fluid in the channel is  $\rho \pi a^2 l$ . However, it can be shown by advanced methods of analysis involving potential theory that this is not the entire vibrating mass, and that an addition has to be made to allow just for the presence

of the orifice in the amount of  $\frac{\rho (\pi a^2)^2}{2a}$

The entire mass affected is then

$$\rho \pi a^2 L + \rho \frac{(\pi a^2)^2}{2a}$$

In the equation of motion mass has to be divided by  $S^2$  so that the effective mass becomes

$$\frac{\rho (\pi a^2)^2}{2a} + \rho \pi a^2 L = \frac{\rho L}{\pi a^2} + \frac{\rho}{2a}$$

If  $c_0$  is the conductivity of the orifice and channel as a whole then

$$\frac{\rho}{c_0} = \frac{\rho L}{\pi a^2} + \frac{\rho}{2a}$$

and

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{\frac{L}{\pi a^2} + \frac{1}{2a}} = \frac{\pi a^2}{L + \frac{\pi a}{2}}$$

#### Low Frequency Filter

We are now in a position to discuss a low frequency acoustic filter analogous to the low frequency electrical filter. The electric filter consisted of a pure induct-

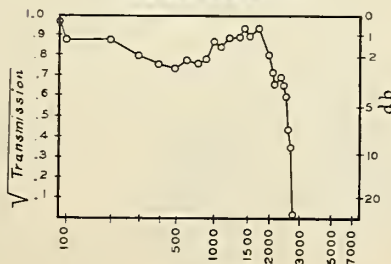
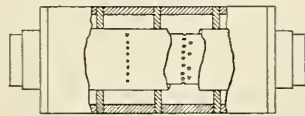


Figure 3

ance in the main line and a capacity in the shunt circuit. The acoustic low frequency filter as shown in figure 3, is constructed with an inner tube which is the main air conduit, partitions at intervals, an outer tube forming a chamber between partitions and a number of small orifices leading into the outer chamber. The orifices and the outer chamber between partitions constitute a Helmholtz Resonator with inductance and capacitance in series.

If the sections between partitions in the main conduit are short compared with the wave length, the air in such sections may be considered as vibrating as a whole (the phase difference between points close together is neglected in other words), and therefore constitutes an inductance.

The inductance of each line section is (mass of air in tube per section)

$$M_1 = \frac{\rho (\pi a^2)^2}{2a} = \frac{\rho_0 L_1}{S_1}$$

where  $L_1$  is the length of one section.

The inductance of the branch, being a Helmholtz Resonator, is

$$M_2 = \rho/c_0$$

where

$$c_0 = \frac{\pi a^2}{L + \pi a/2}$$

and

$a$  = radius of orifice  
 $L$  = length of orifice

The capacitance of the Helmholtz chamber is

$$\frac{1}{c_2} = \frac{\rho C^2}{V_2}$$

where

$V_2$  = volume of the surrounding chamber

So that

$$c_2 = \frac{V_2}{\rho C^2}$$

We then have

$$Z_1 = i\omega M_1 \text{ for the main line and}$$

$$Z_2 = i \left[ \omega M_2 - \frac{i}{\omega c_2} \right]$$

for the shunt or branch.

We now have to set up arguments analogous to the arguments for the electrical circuit, remembering that excess pressure  $p$  is analogous to the E.M.F. of the electrical circuit and rate of volume displacement  $\dot{u}$  is analogous to the electric current  $T$  and that the analogy between electric and acoustic circuits may be regarded as complete as far as mathematical calculations are considered.

We then have

$$\frac{Z_1}{Z_2} = \frac{i\omega M_1}{i \left( \omega M_2 - \frac{1}{\omega c_2} \right)}$$

In considering the low pass electric filter, we saw that the limits of frequency, between which there was no attenuation,

were given by the two equations

$$\frac{Z_1}{Z_2} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{Z_1}{Z_2} = -4$$

Putting  $\frac{Z_1}{Z_2} = 0 = \frac{i\omega M_1}{i\left(\omega M_2 - \frac{1}{\omega c_2}\right)}$

$\frac{\omega^2 M_1 c_2}{\omega^2 M_2 c_2 - 1}$  we find  $\omega_1 = n_1 = 0$ .

Putting  $\frac{Z_1}{Z_2} = -4 = \frac{\omega^2 M_1 c_2}{\omega^2 M_2 c_2 - 1}$  we have

$$\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{4}{c_2 (M_1 + 4 M_2)}}$$

and

$$n_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{4}{c_2 (M_1 + 4 M_2)}}$$

In figure 3<sup>1</sup> there are shown besides the filter itself, the region of non-attenuation up to a frequency of some 3000, and the region of complete attenuation for a typical low frequency filter.

#### High Frequency Filter

The high frequency filter is illustrated in figure 4. This consists of orifices or orifice and short tubes in the side of the main conduit. Here the branches possess inductance only, so that  $Z_2 = i\omega M_2$ . Where  $M_2$  is calculated as shown previously for the orifices or orifice and short tube  $= \frac{\rho_0}{c_0}$ , where  $c_0$  is the conductivity of the orifice and short open tube calculated in the manner already shown.

A theoretical difficulty is involved in considering the line itself. The orifices which compose the branch lines are very short and consequently the pressure gradient in them is much greater than that in the line. Hence the particle velocity in  $M_2$  is much greater than that in the line. It is as if the particles in the line were at rest relatively to those in the orifices, so that the line acts as a Helmholtz chamber with reference to the branch. It is therefore possible to consider the line as made up of inductance and capacitance in parallel.

In such a case  $\frac{1}{Z_1} = \frac{1}{iM_1\omega} + \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{iM_1\omega} + i\omega c_1$   
 $= \frac{i\omega c_1}{1 - M_1 \omega^2 c_1}$   
 $= \frac{iM_1\omega}{1 - M_1 c_1 \omega^2}$

and  $Z_1 = i \left( \frac{M_1\omega}{1 - M_1 c_1 \omega^2} \right)$

so that  $Z_1/Z_2 = \frac{M_1\omega}{M_2 (1 - M_1 c_1 \omega^2)}$

<sup>1</sup>See Stewart and Lindsay's Acoustics.

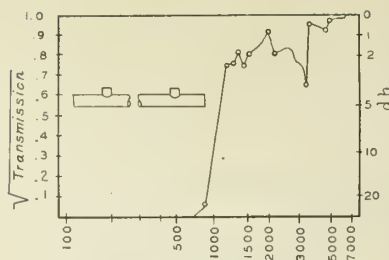


Figure 4. High frequency filter results

while  $M_1 = \frac{\rho l_1}{S} = \text{Mass}$

$$M_2 = \frac{\rho_0}{c_0}$$

and

$$c_1 = \frac{V_1}{\rho_0 C^2}$$

where  $V_1 =$  volume of one section of the line.

Putting

$$Z_1/Z_2 = 0 = \frac{M_1\omega}{M_2 (1 - M_1 c_1 \omega^2)}$$

One limit of non-attenuation will be  $\omega_1 = \infty = n_1$

Putting

$$Z_1/Z_2 = -4 = \frac{M_1\omega}{M_2 (1 - M_1 c_1 \omega^2)}$$

We get a quadratic equation from which  $\omega_2$  and hence the lower limit of frequency  $n_2$  can be found.

In figure 4 the experimental results for a typical high frequency filter are shown. Complete attenuation up to a frequency of about 750 cycles was obtained.

#### Application in Aircraft

There seems to be no reason why acoustic filters of this type should not be considered for application in aircraft. They are simple, easily constructed and experimental variation should be readily accomplished. The present article is only an introduction. Many problems must be solved and much information obtained before a successful application can be secured.

1. For a particular airplane, propeller and engine combination, it is desirable to know what frequencies predominate and from such general acoustical experience as is available, to decide what particular frequencies should be attenuated.

2. For a particular airplane, the size of the main conduit must be determined from general consideration of the ventilation requirements. It remains to be seen whether the introduction of the filter reduces the volume of air passing through a conduit for a given scoop. No information is available on this point.

3. If scoops or wing leading edge orifices are to be increased, in order to overcome the possibly greater resistance to motion of the air of a ventilating system

provided with filters, then some consideration must be given to the greater aerodynamic drag involved.

4. The question arises whether the same type of acoustic filter is required at outlet as at inlet, or whether at outlet merely a larger impedance to entering sound is sufficient.

5. In the case of the high pass filter, the theory is not too well founded and experiments in confirmation seem desirable. Even though viscosity of the air is neglected, sound filters conform to theoretical calculations, nevertheless "cut and try" methods will be necessary. Methods of experimental filter design must be developed in which number and size of orifices and sizes of resonator chambers can be readily varied.

6. Consideration must be given to the combination of high pass and low pass filters and on their effects when used in series on one line.

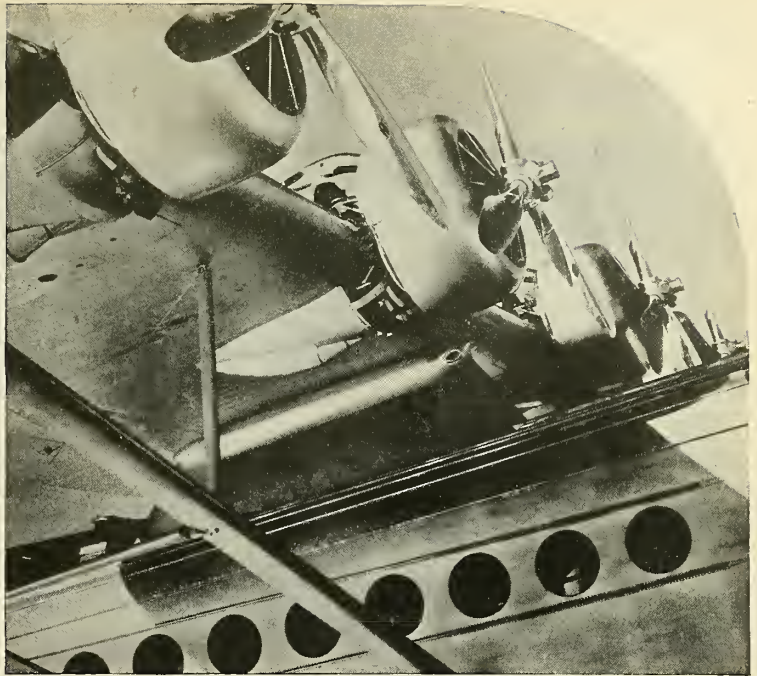
7. In the high pass filter, which is probably of the greater interest to the airplane builder one difficulty arises. The side branch or orifice must be open to the atmosphere. Will such a side branch or orifice in itself admit sound and hence defeat the purpose of the filter? Of course there should be little difference in sound level between the outside and the inside of the filter, and the open branch should offer considerable resistance to entering sound. Also the high pass filter might be constructed with a surrounding chamber disproportionately large so as to give the equivalent of the atmosphere; or with orifices opening into the baggage compartment where leakage of noise through the orifices would be of no importance. Again theoretical study might be devoted to the use of long side tubes with closed ends.

8. Finally the use of sound filters, properly so-called, must be weighed in comparison with sound dissipating systems where labyrinths and acoustic resistances actually destroy the intensity of the sound.

#### Applied to Mufflers

It may be of interest to add that filtration of sound for noise reduction purposes may well be applied to the exhaust mufflers. Mufflers frequently depend on baffles, passage through plates with small holes, conversion of energy into swinging motion, etc. In all such methods we have virtually the conversion of kinetic pressure into static pressure. As a result the muffling is obtained at the expense of some back pressure and loss of engine power. If sound filtration methods are applied then we may expect muffling of noise without the production of back pressure. Experiments along these lines have recently been made in Germany and tests have fully confirmed this view.

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● The Avro Type 641, or "Commodore," cabin biplane, is designed to carry four or five occupants and enough fuel and oil for 4½ hours' flying at a cruising speed of 110 miles an hour. Intended primarily for private ownership rather than for commercial operation, the first of these ships was flown from the manufacturers' airport at Manchester to London. Details of internal furnishing were studied in the light of the best automobile practice and comfortable seating is provided for four occupants, with an "occasional" seat for a fifth; there is also ample room for suitcases and other luggage. The cabin is equipped with controllable heating and ventilating apparatus, and cabin windows are arranged to slide vertically. Smoking is permissible because the fuel tanks are located in the upper wing panels clear of the cabin.

The pilot's visibility is excellent in all essential directions.

Constructionally the "Commodore" is built (according to standard Avro practice) of welded steel tubes, with wooden fairings and the usual linen fabric coverings. Power is supplied by a Siddeley "Lynx" 215 h.p. air-cooled radial engine, equipped with a ring cowl.

The wings are heavily staggered and are made entirely of metal except for the wooden fairings of the tanks and the linen

outer covering. The spars are steel and the ribs are aluminum. Mass-balanced Frise ailerons are fitted to the lower wings only. The interplane bracing of streamlined steel tube, consists of a pair of *N* struts and a cross-strut, which is in compression during normal flight, on either side of the fuselage.

### Construction of the Body

The body is built of round section steel tubes with welded joints.

A good streamlined form is given to the fuselage frame by use of wooden fairings, to which are affixed the doped linen coverings. The forward part of the body, from a point aft of the fireproof bulkhead behind the engine to a little aft of the main planes, is occupied by the cabin, which has a total capacity of 104 cubic feet; its dimensions are 6 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft. 6 in. by 4 ft. 6 in.

The Siddeley "Lynx" seven-cylinder engine, which develops 215 h.p. at 1,900 r.p.m., is carried on a steel tube engine mount welded to the fuselage framework. Behind it is a fireproof bulkhead.

The outer sections of the airfoil ring cowl, covering the whole of the engine can be quickly removed to provide access to the cylinder heads and the valve rocker gear. Fuel is fed to the engine by gravity from two 50-gallon welded aluminum tanks, located one in each of the upper wings. The 6-gallon oil tank, similarly constructed, is in front of the fireproof bulkhead. A Siddeley electric starter, operated from an accumulator (charged by an engine-driven generator) can be fitted if required. The standard machine has a wooden propeller.

The single-strut landing gear is of a new type developed by the Avro company. It has oleo shock-absorbers, with steel springs in compression to take taxiing loads. Dunlop medium pressure air wheels are equipped with brakes which can be applied on both wheels simultaneously, or on either wheel independently, for ground handling. The whole of the undercarriage structure is streamlined, with fairings over the struts and

wheel pants over the wheels. The tail wheel has its own shock absorber and can swivel freely, though a centralizing device is fitted.

The tail unit is made of steel tubing, with doped linen coverings. The stabilizer can be altered during flight by a handle in the cabin which operates a screwjack at the tail. The rudder (but not the elevators) is mass-balanced.

The aileron controls in the lower main plane are made up of a combination of tie-rods in the straight sections and heavy weight cables at the wing tips where the run of the control changes direction to connect with the aileron levers. These cables pass round large-diameter pulleys mounted on ball bearings. Elevator control is positive while an auxiliary bar, located under the cabin floor and connected to the actuating pedals by tie-rods, controls movements of the rudder, to which it is joined by flexible steel cables.

### Specifications

Wing span .....	37 feet 4 inches
Height overall .....	10 feet
Length overall .....	27 feet 3 inches
Wing chord .....	4 feet 9 inches
Gap .....	5 feet 3 inches
Dihedral angle .....	2.5°
Angle of incidence .....	3.25°

### Areas (square feet)

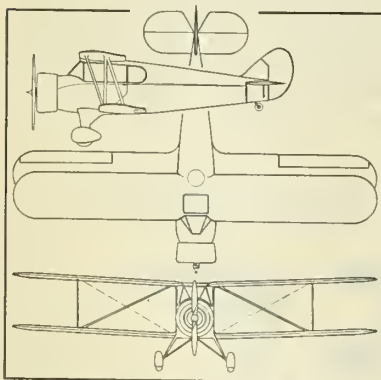
Main planes with ailerons .....	307.0
Ailerons, total .....	31.5
Tail planes with elevators .....	39.6
Rudder .....	12.0
Fin .....	3.3
Wing loading .....	10.82 lbs. per sq. ft.
Power loading .....	15.45 lbs. per h.p.

### Weights (pounds)

Weight empty .....	2,225
Useful load .....	1,275
Gross weight .....	3,500

### Performance (with full load)

Top speed at sea level .....	130 miles per hour
Top speed at 5,000 feet .....	124 miles per hour
Top speed at 10,000 feet .....	115 miles per hour
Landing speed .....	50 miles per hour
Cruising speed at 1,000 ft. ....	110 miles per hour
Range at cruising speed .....	4.5 hours
Rate of climb at sea level .....	700 ft. per minute
Time of climb to 1,000 feet .....	1.60 minutes
Time of climb to 5,000 feet .....	9.50 minutes
Time of climb to 10,000 feet .....	28 minutes
Service ceiling .....	11,500 feet



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# Ryan Model S-T Two-place Sport Plane

● T. Claude Ryan's latest two-place sport plane, the S-T, passed its initial flight tests at Lindbergh Field, San Diego, California, on June 8th, with John Fornanero at the controls. Department of Commerce approval was received two weeks later.

The new development of the Ryan Aeronautical Co., with its all-metal fuselage and 142-mile-per-hour speed developed with a 95 h.p. engine, is the result of years of experience and, in the immediate past, concentrated effort of a complete organization for practically a year. In addition to rugged construction, the airplane embodies features which it is believed are most desired today by the sportsman pilot or commercial operator; namely, high performance, minimum maintenance, low operating costs and streamline appearance.

The plane is an open cockpit, low-wing type, principally of metal construction. Optional engine equipment includes the 95 h.p. Menasco B4 or the 125 h.p. Menasco C4 air-cooled, in-line, inverted four-cylinder engines. Fuel consumption with

the Menasco B4 is at the rate of approximately 20 miles to the gallon.

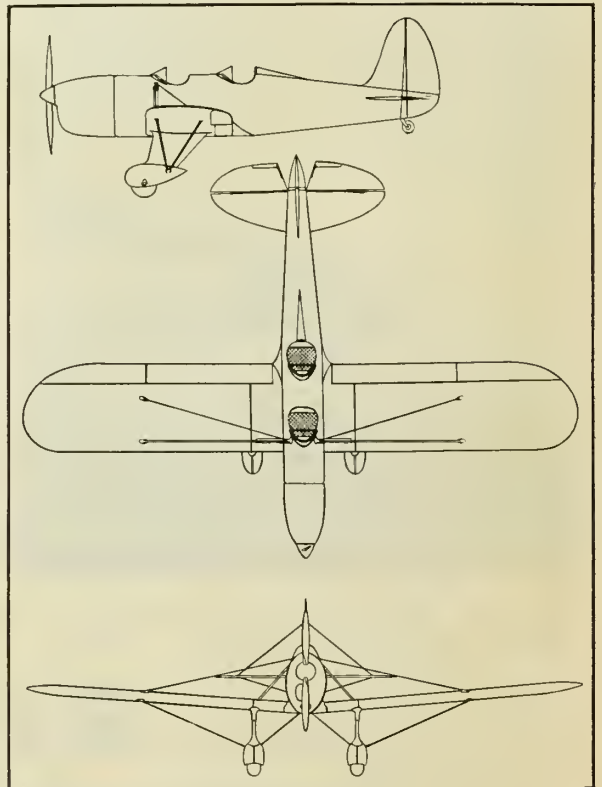
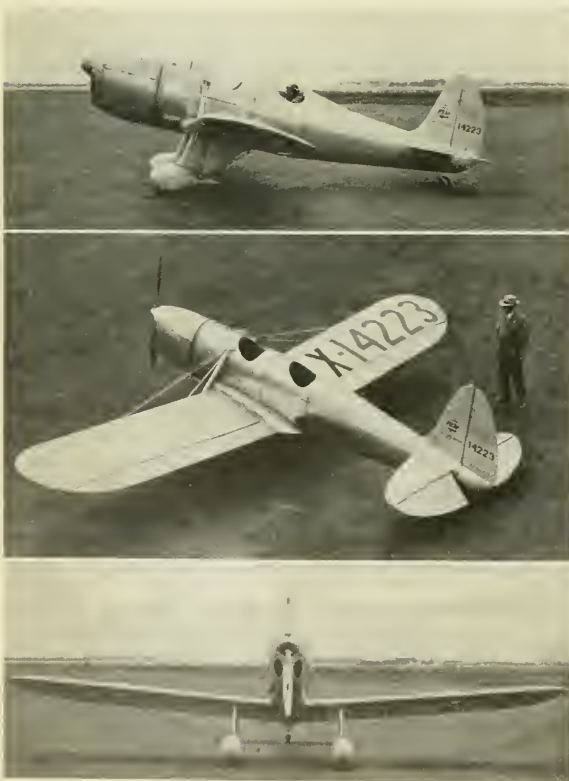
The fuselage is metal monocoque built entirely of aluminum alloy 17 ST and 17 ST alclad skin. Its cross section is elliptical, giving roomy cockpits and good vision, providing the pilot with visibility straight down and in the most desired angles. A sliding type convertible enclosure for the cockpit can be supplied as optional equipment. Luggage is carried in a compartment located between the cockpits. The steel tube engine mount is supported on rubber mountings at the fuselage. The engine is also carried on large rubber mountings on the bearers with resultant damping of vibration at all speeds. The stub wings are of steel tubing construction and are removable.

Wings of high aspect ratio are braced with streamline tie rods and spars are of solid spruce. All other structure is of metal. Ribs are stamped from aluminum alloy 17 ST sheet with flanged lightening holes. The nose section of the wing from entering edge to the rear of the front spar is covered with 17 ST sheet

metal, while wing and control surfaces are fabric covered. Ailerons are of metal structure operated by a torque tube to the control stick; they are of the modified Friese type with differential action.

Wing flaps or air brakes extending over half the wing span are operated by a small crank which gives positive control. Tests have proven that the flaps decrease the landing speed by 8 miles an hour, permit a steep angle of approach and increase the ease and accuracy of landing, thereby making it possible to utilize smaller fields with safety.

The landing gear is of the racing type, incorporating long throw vertical oleo shock absorbers and full Goodyear air-wheels and brakes. Landing stresses are distributed to the fuselage by a pair of inclined struts between the wing panels and the body. The wheels and gear are completely faired with the pants so arranged that the wheels can be removed quickly without disturbing the streamlining. The tail wheel has an 8-inch pneumatic full swiveling streamline tire with caster action through 360°.



Photographs and outline drawings showing side, top and front views of the Menasco-powered Ryan S-T Sport Monoplane

Tail surfaces are constructed of all-metal 17 ST alloy with stamped ribs riveted to tubular spars.

Tabs on the trailing edge of the elevators provide for longitudinal trimming. These are easily controllable with fine adjustment from either cockpit. No load is carried on the operating cable.

Dual controls are provided with the front cockpit controls quickly removable.

It is believed that with a different propeller the high speed can be increased and experiments are now being conducted toward this end. Following final flight tests for the Department of Commerce the company announced plans to go ahead immediately to manufacture the S-T on a moderate scale.

## Specifications

Wing span .....	30 feet
Length overall .....	21 feet 5 inches
Wing chord .....	56 inches
Wing area (including ailerons) .....	124 sq.ft.
Height .....	6 feet 11 inches
Weight empty .....	1022 pounds
Useful load .....	528 pounds
Gross weight .....	1550 pounds

## Performance with Full Load

Engine	Menasco B4	Menasco C4
Horsepower .....	95 h.p.	125 h.p.
High speed .....	142 m.p.h.	152 m.p.h.
Cruising speed .....	122 m.p.h.	131 m.p.h.
Rate of climb .....	808 ft./min.	1220 ft./min.
Service ceiling .....	16500 feet	19450 feet
Absolute ceiling .....	17650 feet	21200 feet
Landing speed .....	38 m.p.h.	38 m.p.h.
Gas capacity .....	24 gallons	24 gallons
Cruising range .....	403 miles	370 miles

# Digest of Technical Articles from Foreign Publications

## Wind Tunnel Interference

*Wind Tunnel Interference on Wings, Bodies and Airscrews, H. Gloubert. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1566, September 13, 1933. (Published May, 1934) 75 pages, 34 figs.*

A COMPREHENSIVE survey of wind tunnel interference on wings, bodies and propellers which shows that the limited extent of the airflow of a closed type or open jet wind tunnel is invariably constrained and interferes with the behaviour of the model tested. This interference could be minimized by using small models, but for many reasons the model should be as large as possible.

In a closed tunnel, the rigid walls hinder free lateral expansion of the airstream so that the velocity of the flow past a large body is increased, thereby intensifying the forces experienced by the body. If in testing a buff body or propeller there is a wake of reduced or increased velocity behind the body, the velocity and pressure of the stream surrounding the wake will differ from the undisturbed values far in front of the body. This pressure change causes a change in the force experienced by the body, somewhat different, however, from that experienced by a lifting body such as a wing. Wing lift is associated with a general downward movement of the air behind the wing and the constant of the tunnel walls on the downwash modifies the behaviour and aerodynamic characteristics of the wing.

Another type of interference is evident if there is a gradient of static pressure down the wind tunnel airstream caused by the development of the frictional boundary layer of reduced velocity along the walls of the tunnel. This leads to a velocity increase and pressure decrease along the tunnel's axis, so that a body

being tested is in a slightly divergent airstream and experiences an increase in drag because of a drop in static pressure from nose to tail.

The basis of the theoretical treatment of the subject is examined and the method of analyzing particular problems is explained. Experimental results are quoted to justify the theoretical formulas or to derive empirical values to complete the theoretical analysis. The results required for the practical application of the corrected formulas are given.

## Aerodynamics

*The Lift on a Flat Plate Placed in a Stream Between Two Parallel Walls and Some Allied Problems, Susumu Tomotika. (Japan) Aeronautical Research Institute, Imperial University, Tokyo. Report 101. (Published January 1934).*

IN THE first part of the paper the author discusses the steady irrotational continuous flow of an incompressible perfect fluid past a flat plate placed in a stream between two parallel plane walls, and calculates the lifting force acting on the plate by the Blasius formula.

To see how boundary walls exert influence upon lift, numerical calculations were made for the lift in a case in which the mid-point of the plate lies on the center line of the channel. The result shows that the lift on the plate in the channel is generally greater than the lift which the same plate would experience when placed in an unbounded stream, showing that the lift on the plate is always increased due to the boundary walls of the channel.

Two limiting cases, when either of the boundary walls of the channel removes to infinity, were next investigated. By removing the upper wall to infinity, the flow past a flat plate placed in the vicinity of a plane wall bounding the fluid on the lower side of the plate was obtained.

## Periscope Sextant Test

*Accurate High Altitude Observation by the Use of the Periscope Sextant (Genauigkeit von Höhenbeobachtungen mit dem Periskopsextanten). G. Forstner. (German) Deutsche Versuchsanstalt für Luftfahrt. Report 349.*

CONTINUING EARLIER experiments with bubble sextants conducted by the D.V.L., a periscope sextant was tested for suitability as a sextant. The instrument consists of an upper part in a streamlined casing which projects above the fuselage and a lower part projecting into the cabin, enabling the observer to work in a sheltered location. The instrument includes a compass and a level acting as an artificial horizon, also a cross-level as an aid towards maintaining the instrument in a vertical position, with adjustment considerably increased by a device incorporating a Wollaston prism.

In the course of the tests, measurements of the altitude of the sun were conducted on the ground and from an airplane. Comparison of the observed values with the computed actual altitudes gives the true observation errors which are subjected to critical examination in the report.

## Effects of Lightning

*Concerning the Danger of Lightning to Aircraft (Über die Gefährdung von Luftfahrzeugen durch Blitzschläge). W. Brintzinger and H. Viebamann. (German) Deutsche Versuchsanstalt für Luftfahrt. Report 363.*

DRAWING ON the information yielded by some recent reports of cases of damage to aircraft by lightning, the authors analyze the possible effects of lightning on aircraft, and the means for prevention of damage. In the investigation of such means conducted by the D.V.L., it was found that the best results for a lightning conductor (intended to be fitted in front of the aerial lead-in duct) were obtained with varioionized air gaps. The efficiency of the device is shown by measurements made with the cathode ray oscillography developed by the D.V.L.

## Viscosity of Liquids

*The Relation Between the Temperature Coefficient of Viscosity and the Association of High-molecular Liquids, Bunnosuke Yamaguchi. (Japan) Aeronautical Research Institute, Imperial University, Tokyo. Report 102. (Published February, 1934).*

MEASUREMENTS WERE made of the viscosities of benzene solutions of various high-molecular liquids. By Staudinger's equation, which expresses the relation between the viscosity and the concentration of solution, a quantity which is called viscosity association was calculated for a number of high-molecular liquids. A simple relationship exists between the temperature coefficient of viscosity and the viscosity association of high-molecular liquids, and a reasonable conclusion is deduced concerning the relation between the temperature coefficient of viscosity and the molecular structure of high-molecular liquids.

## Wind Tunnel

*The N. P. L. Open Jet Wind Tunnel, A. R. Collar (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda 1569, October, 1933. (Published April, 1934.) 17 pp., 10 figs.*

THE REPORT deals mainly with preliminary experiments on models, which were carried out to insure that the projected tunnels should give the best possible aerodynamic performance.

In the design finally reached, the tunnel is of the open jet type with an elliptical nozzle, of which the major axis is horizontal; it has two return ducts, one passing above and one below the jet. At each of the right-angle corners of the ducts there is a cascade of guide vanes. Immediately before reaching the open working section of the tunnel the air passes through a contracting channel, which has a square section at the larger end and an elliptical one at the jet, the ratio of the areas being 3.9:1. After passing across the open working section, the air is received in a collector channel of approximately conical form, whose section varies from elliptical to circular. The propeller is four-bladed, and is situated at the enlarged circular end of the collector cone. To neutralize the rotation which would be imparted to the air by the propeller, radial blades of aerofoil section are provided.

The power factor of the model was subject to a large scale effect; at the jet speed mainly used during the experimental work, namely, 50 ft./sec., the power factor was 1.8. The variation with Reynolds number indicated that a full-scale power factor of about 2.6 might be expected.

A full-scale tunnel has been completed and the distribution of velocity in the jet is as good as those of most other tunnels of this type. The power factor has the predicted value of 2.6. The elliptical nozzle of the tunnel has a horizontal major axis measuring 9 ft. 1¼ in. and a minor axis of 7 ft., and an input of 375 b.h.p. at the propeller, yields an air speed of about 210 ft./sec. in the jet.

## Wood Assemblies

*Wood Assemblies, M. Monnin, (French) Technical and Scientific Publication of the Air Ministry. Aeronautical Research Service. Vol. 1.*

A STUDY of the various types of joints used for timber structure. It includes a review of the mechanical and physical properties of timber, the effects of humidity, methods of stabilizing the properties of timber (varnishes), the problems connected with gluing and assemblies by bolts and rivets either in attachments of wood to wood or wood to metal. With regard to bolted joints, stress is laid on the importance of correct spacing and arrangement of the bolts, also of the relative length of the latter. In all assemblies the elongation of the parts

of a joint should always be sought for unequal elongations arrest the proper distribution of the stresses and are the most common cause of fractures in fittings.

From this study the author concludes that, with a rational scheme of testing,

timber, if properly worked, glued, varnished, assembled with balanced strengths, is superior to any other material—as regards strength values, ease in use, durability and reliability.

## Fahlin SF-1 Cabin Monoplane

● A two-place, side-by-side cabin plane recently was completed in the Nicholas-Beazley Airplane Company's plant, Marshall, Mo., by Ole Fahlin (manufacturer of the Marshall-Fahlin propeller) and Swen Swanson, aircraft engineer and designer. Nicholas-Beazley is American distributor for the British-built Pobjoy engine which powers the job.

Featuring high performance, low operating costs and light weight combined with rugged construction, the plane will be sold by its manufacturers only on special order.

Powered by the 80-horsepower Pobjoy Type R engine, a top speed of 133 miles an hour and a cruising speed of 105 miles an hour, are attained. The landing speed is 40 miles an hour, service ceiling 19,000 feet and rate of climb 1450 feet per minute.

Wings of the new plane are of all-wood construction, full cantilever, gull-wing type, with complete weight, including ailerons, covering, dope and finish being 1 pound per square foot. The interior is fully upholstered with velour and the plane is finished throughout with Sherwin-Williams finish.

Twenty-two gallons of gas are carried in tanks provided in the wings, giving ample supply for 5½ hours of cruising, fuel consumption being at the rate of 4 gallons an hour. Provision also is made for 2½ gallons of oil.

Steps at the rear of the landing gear struts provide easy access to the exceptionally wide doors of the cabin. The landing gear is of the axle-less type with a tread of 5 feet 8 inches, with struts completely enclosed in a streamlined casing, faired into the fuselage, and braced by

streamline tie-rods. Pneumatic-tired wheels and tail wheel are used.

The Pobjoy engine is of the geared type with a ratio of approximately 2:1, developing its rated power output at 1550 r.p.m. At normal r.p.m. of 1350, a horsepower rating of 75 is attained. The engine is enclosed in a full cowling which fits neatly into the clean streamlined effect of the body and which, with the gull-wing arrangement, provides ample visibility from the cabin. Details of the 1934 types of Pobjoy engines were given in the May issue of AERO DIGEST.

A new-type starter is operated from the pilots' cockpit; similar to the starter used on outboard motor boats, it is of the cable and ratchet type, weighing 3 pounds.

### Specifications

Wing span .....	28 feet
Length .....	21 feet 10 inches
Height .....	7 feet 4 inches
Wing chord .....	7.5 feet to 4.5 feet
Power, Pobjoy R.....	80 horsepower
Fuel capacity .....	22 gallons
Oil capacity .....	2.5 gallons

### Weights (pounds)

Weight, empty .....	690
Useful load .....	500
Gross weight .....	1190
Wing loading .....	8 lbs. per square foot
Power loading .....	15 lbs. per horsepower

### Areas (square feet)

Wings .....	144
Stabilizer and elevators.....	24
Rudder and fin.....	10

### Performance

Top speed .....	133 miles per hour
Cruising speed.....	105 miles per hour
Landing speed.....	40 miles per hour
Landing run .....	180 feet
Service ceiling .....	19,000 feet
Rate of climb.....	1450 feet per minute
Cruising range.....	575 miles
Gasoline consumption....	4 gallons per hour



Fahlin monoplane with 80 h.p. geared type Pobjoy engine

# NEW EQUIPMENT and METHODS

## Portable Utility Sprays

• PORTABLE ALL-PURPOSE sprays are being marketed by the Earl Webber Co., Chicago, Ill.

Designed for a multiplicity of uses, these completely portable sprays are loaded by an ordinary air chuck and can be taken anywhere. Constructed of heavy cold-rolled steel, they feature non-blow-out bottoms, corrosion proof lead lined tanks, solid brass fittings, and are riveted and soldered throughout.

Built to withstand 500 lbs. pressure per square foot, the sprays will, by interchangeable non-drip nozzles, provide both mist and needle spray. Positive control is provided by a pistol trigger, easy grip handle.

The complete line is comprised of a special windshield spray, two general utility sprays and one combination spray which is adapted to handling lacquer as well as oil or solvents.

## Cold-Weather Starter

• A PORTABLE aircraft engine starting unit, found useful and applicable as an aid in cold-weather operations, has been designed for use on the new twin-engined Douglas transports in service over the TWA, Inc., transcontinental route.

The Douglas planes are equipped with an outside electrical connection for plugging in a cable which carries power to turn over the 750-horsepower Wright Cyclones used. A storage battery on a portable two-wheeled cart and a cable with a plug are utilized. A mechanic inserts the plug in a receptacle under the fuselage and turns on the switch located near the handle of the cart. The pilot then starts the engines without draining

the battery-supply of the plane. The entire operation is done quickly and effectively.

Several TWA bases have installed this system following successful tests and trials of the unit.

## Air Gun For Graphite

• AMONG THE most recent developments in modern lubrication practice is the new Graph Air-Gun which enables Microfyne Flake Graphite, a lubricating powder, to be utilized for all-purpose lubricating service.

The air gun, being made of rubber, when squeezed deposits the graphite where needed in amounts controlled by the position of the nozzle in relation to a dial on top of the gun. A plug fitted to the bottom of the gun carries a chamois disc for use as a burnisher.

Microfyne graphite used by itself provides oilless, greaseless, temperature-proof, combustion-proof, dripless, odorless lubrication on metal, wood, rubber, leather, paper, fibre, composition, varnish, lacquered or painted surfaces, and is also used as a co-lubricant with oil or grease, being blown into oil holes, on oiled or greased surfaces or mixed with plain oil or grease before applying.

Graphite functions as an additional lubricating agent, making the lubricant a whole more rugged and durable, saving much in lubricant and labor otherwise necessary in more frequent replacements, gives added protection to operating parts and reduces power waste. In aircraft, the manufacturers recommend its use for engines, exposed rocker arms, brake linings, fuselage bushings, undercarriage bearings.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., Jersey City, N. J., are producers of the gun and graphite.

## Low Temperature Brazing Alloy

• A DEVELOPMENT in brazing and welding work has followed the introduction by Handy & Harman, New York, N. Y., of Sil-Fos, a low melting point brazing alloy in which silver is an important ingredient. The joints it makes are reported to be actually stronger than the metals themselves. This alloy flows freely from 300° to 800° lower than other brazing and welding rods, and is extremely fluid, penetrating deeply into the metals to be joined. The joints resist shock and continued vibration and have been used on battleships, locomotives, airplanes, automobiles and electrical and refrigerating equipment.

This alloy containing silver resists corrosion as well as the brass or copper with which it is commonly used.

## Fire-Safe Aviation Fuel

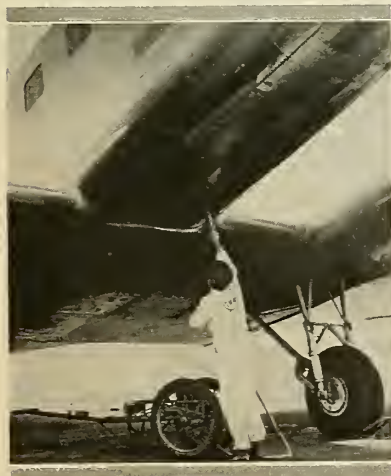
• A FUEL which acts like water in actually extinguishing a blaze—which will burn only when and where it is supposed to burn, that is, in an engine or burner—which will not catch fire by accident under ordinary conditions—these are the most striking characteristics of Safe-T-Esso, the hydrogenated safety fuel now being produced by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. The explanation lies in the fact that in developing this "fire-safe" fuel the flashpoint has been raised successfully to above 110° F.

The flashpoint of a fuel is the temperature at which the vapor given off will ignite upon the introduction of a spark or flame. Fire insurance restrictions are based on the experience accumulated in handling and dispensing kerosene since it came into use many years ago. This, with more recent and extensive experience with special naphthas, indicates that if the flashpoint of a fuel be above 105° F. or thereabouts, the danger from accidental ignition of spillage or leakage is negligible, and the danger from formation of explosive mixtures with air in storage or working quarters is minimized. The flashpoint of kerosene is about 105° F., and this point is now recognized as the dividing line between hazardous and safe liquid fuels for handling at normal indoor and outdoor temperatures. The new safety fuel has been certified by the Underwriters' Laboratories as being in the same fire hazard category as kerosene.

The use of Safe-T-Esso should reduce, if not eliminate, the fire hazard in an airplane crash, where instantaneous explosion of the gasoline tanks usually results in total destruction. A striking illustration of the low fire hazard of this fuel was given when incendiary bullets fired through a tank partly filled with the fuel did not ignite, either when the bullets passed through the fuel or through the space above it in the tank.

The flashpoint of ordinary motor gasoline commercially available today varies from about minus 40° F. to minus 80° F. This means that a flammable or explosive vapor is given off at every temperature likely to be encountered in the use or storage of the fuel. Although motor gasoline is rightly classified as a hazardous fuel, the conditions under which it is used in automobiles reduce the hazard to a very low statistical figure, and consequently there has been no great demand for improvement. In the field of marine and air transportation, however, where enormous advances have been made in gasoline engine design, the fire and explosion hazard is of vital importance.

There are two means of solving the



Portable truck with starter apparatus

problem of reducing this hazard—first, through a different type of power plant, such as the oil-burning Diesel engine, and second, through the development of a “fire-safe” high-flash fuel suitable for use in the modern gasoline engine, particularly the highly refined engines designed for speed boats and aircraft. The first has been followed with some degree of success, and real progress has been made in developing light-weight high-speed Diesel engines in the marine field. The alternative solution, worked out by Standard Oil technicians in the development of Safe-T-Esso, offers advantages since it is adapted for use in modern gasoline engines.

The requisites of such a fuel are sufficient volatility to permit complete vaporization prior to ignition at charge temperatures not substantially different from those experienced with normal gasoline, and an octane number equal to that of the best anti-knock gasoline. The first requirement is met without difficulty by close fractionation, the lower limit of boiling point being fixed by the flash requirement and the upper limit by the volatility requirement.

Until the development of the hydrogenation refining process, the octane number requirement defied practical solution, for the anti-knock value of both natural and cracked products in the required boiling range is far below that required by the modern automotive engine. Even the use of ethyl fluid in permissible quantities was not sufficient to overcome the detonation tendency of the high-flash fuels heretofore tested, a stumbling block upon which previous attempts to employ safety fuels came to grief. In the study of products from hydrogenation, however, it was found that the octane numbers of the various fractions, instead of lowering progressively with increase of boiling points, could by proper choice of charging stock and operating technique be held constant, or even raised in the case of fractions in the range of safety fuels. This characteristic solved the problem. The octane number of Safe-T-Esso, as shown by the C. F. R. Motor Method, is 88, without the addition of any anti-detonant. When tested in the C. F. R. engine equipped with a Bosch fuel pump and injected into the cylinder, an octane number of 95 was indicated for Safe-T-Esso when matched against pure octane and heptane, all other conditions being identical with those prescribed for the C. F. R. motor method.

The extremely high octane number of this fuel demonstrates its suitability for use at compression ratios much higher than those in common use in the most efficient present-day, high-duty automotive engines, and several engine manufacturers are investigating the possible gain in efficiency attendant upon increasing compression ratios to a point where

the inherently high octane value of the fuel is fully realized.

Due to its low volatility, the use of Safe-T-Esso will involve in most instances special provision for easy starting. The ordinary carburetor, although in theory an atomizing device, in practice does not carry atomization to the point where the mixture is capable of air flotation. Therefore the fuel, which does not evaporate with sufficient rapidity at ordinary temperatures, either fails to reach the cylinder at all, or reaches it in a liquid form, when an attempt is made to start the engine by cranking.

A comprehensive series of tests conducted on widely varying types of engines, ranging from high duty radial and V-type aircraft engines, through those of conventional automotive type, and including several types of large marine engines, indicates that Safe-T-Esso is adapted to use in solid injection equipment installed on otherwise normal spark ignition engines. In those engines adapted to the solid injection apparatus, either of the direct cylinder injection type or in manifold injection systems, results comparable to those obtained by the use of high octane aviation gasoline have been obtained.

## Pioneer Electric Tachometer

- THE ELECTRIC tachometer manufactured by the Pioneer Instrument Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., consists of two units—a two-phase, three-wire, alternating current generator and an indicator of the induction disc type, operating on the watt meter principle. This is an entirely new application of this principle and has overcome many difficulties experienced with other types of revolution indicators.

This instrument embraces many substantial features which contribute to the furtherance of airplane engine efficiency and convenient installation. No moving coils, slip rings, commutators or sliding contacts are used and there is but one moving assembly in the entire instrument. This assembly consists of a thin metal disc which is mounted on the same shaft with the indicator pointer, a method of construction which substantially precludes the possibility of operating errors and materially increases the instrument's efficiency and stamina.

An outstanding and advantageous feature of this indicator lies in the fact that it employs alternating current and the pointer may be adapted to make from one to three revolutions for the range of 0-3000 r.p.m., giving an extremely open scale which provides precise r.p.m. readings for any working range from idling speed to full throttle.

Another feature incorporated is the fact that it is the first watt meter type instrument to be successfully compensated for temperature changes. This feature was



Pioneer electric tachometer Type 840

accomplished only after several years of experimentation which allowed the introduction of compensating features which insure accurate indication in temperatures from 60° below C. to 45° above C.

The photograph shows type 840 Indicator (two-revolution), typical of the many instruments supplied the U. S. Army and Navy Air Services. These instruments have been subjected to the most rigid military vibration and service tests and have been accepted as standard equipment for many military planes.

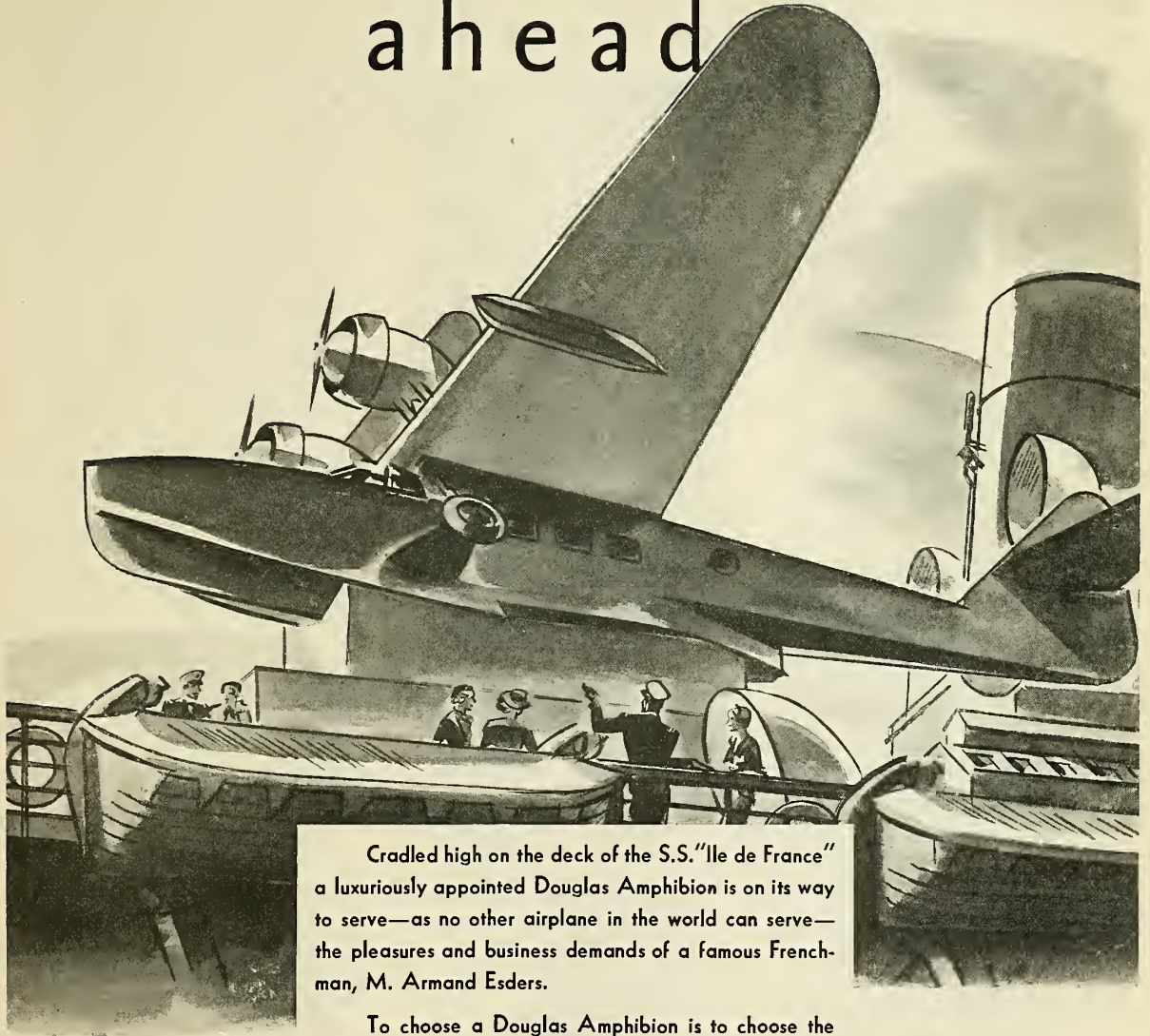
Generator and indicator of the Pioneer electric tachometer unit are interchangeable, so that it is not necessary to match the indicator with a special generator, and any Pioneer indicator may be substituted at any time with any Pioneer generator. In former types it was necessary to calibrate the indicator with the generator and leads with which it was to be used.

These features of the Pioneer Electric Tachometer are individual to this particular instrument. In addition, the usual advantages of tachometer installation are also incorporated. The instrument lends itself to installation on large airplanes where the motor is a great distance from the dashboard. Tachometer shafting is eliminated entirely. Installation is simplified because the wiring may be permanently concealed.

The tachometer, because of its rugged and substantial construction, will withstand the most severe vibration, and no shock absorbers or special mounting is required to protect it.

The Pioneer Synchronizer, a development for multimotored planes, consists of three small lamps mounted in a case and wired between the two tachometer generators. When both motors are in synchronism, the lights are out. Should one motor vary from the other as much as 1 r.p.m., the lamps will start flickering in the direction toward the motor which is out of synchronism. This installation is only applicable in connection with Pioneer alternating current generators.

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# Anti-Friction Bearings in Aircraft

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● Several articles have been written on the subject of bearings for airplane engines, particularly since the engine at one time constituted the largest field for anti-friction bearings in the aircraft industry. With the advent of larger and heavier ships flying at higher speeds, the need for smooth and free-turning bearings at the controls has resulted in an ever increasing use of ball bearings, and often a greater number of bearings are used in the controls than in the power plant with all its accessories.

Briefly the advantages of ball bearings for controls may be enumerated as follows:

1. Less attention is required for inspection, greasing or oiling.
2. Fewer repairs and replacements are needed.
3. Controls are more easily operated.
4. Controls will not jam or "freeze."

Ball bearings in control systems are commonly applied to hinges, pulleys, bell cranks, push and pull rod guides and clevis joints, stick mechanisms, steering wheels and sprockets, rudder and brake pedal bars and stabilizer adjustment mechanisms. For many of these applications, ball bearings of special design, with maximum static load capacity and with built-in protective seals of pressed metal or felt, are used.

The illustration in figure 1 shows a typical hinge application. The bearing is of the double felt seal type making it unnecessary to provide any additional protection against dust, moisture or other foreign matter. The outer surfaces of the bearing are cadmium plated to resist corrosion and before the bearing is assembled it is packed with a protective grease sufficient to last for the life of the ship. This grease which neither oxidizes, dries up or hardens at low temperatures, ensures a bearing that will turn freely when the ship is flying

Recent developments in the design and construction of aircraft have resulted in a marked increase in the use of ball and roller bearings. Transport ships have required ball bearings at almost every moving part of the controls, in order to reduce friction at bearing points and increase the ease of handling. For long distance and high-speed flights many new types of equipment have been developed, including controllable pitch propellers, retractable landing gears and special instruments such as the automatic pilot, all of which involve the mounting of some kind of ball or roller bearings. Including the engine and its accessories, it is not unusual to find at least 100 anti-friction bearings in the modern ship. In multi-motor transports, this total, including those used in the instruments and controls, may be in excess of 300. The necessity for compactness, light weight and dependability has made it necessary in many instances to design entirely new types of bearings, and this article describes some of these new designs, and, by means of typical mounting illustrations, shows the manner in which they are used.

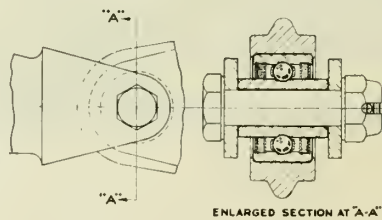


Figure 1. Typical hinge application

at high altitudes. The outer ring of the bearing is mounted with a tight interference fit in the hinge but the inner ring should have a slip fit over the stationary pin.

Another completely enclosed ball bearing is that shown in the control pulley in figure 2. Instead of felt being used for protection, pressed metal side plates are employed. These plates, which are usually of non-corrosive material or cadmium plated, have a close clearance over the recessed inner ring, so that a "labyrinth" form of protection is provided. In order to obtain the maximum static load-carrying capacity, pulley bearings are usually made with a full row of balls and with a raceway contour closely conforming to the curvature of the balls. The bearings are held to a close internal clearance to reduce the "wobble" of the pulley and so prevent fouling of the supporting yoke. A large chamfer or radius on the outer ring permits "staking" or "peening" the brass insert of the pulley over the edge of the bearing to give rigid endwise holding.

Figure 3 illustrates an arrangement of shielded ball bearings used to guide a push-pull tube. The bearing in this instance has a special concave surface on the outer ring conforming to the contour of the tube, a guiding arrangement desirable where long sections of tubing are used. Bearings are protected by double side shields and are packed with grease before the side plates are applied, so that no further lubrication attention is required.

Another new design of ball bearing is that illustrated by figure 4, which shows the end of the bell crank connected to a section of control tubing. On account of the difficulty of assuring accurate alignment of parts, a self-aligning type of bearing is necessary. In this instance, however, it has been possible to apply protective side shields to the

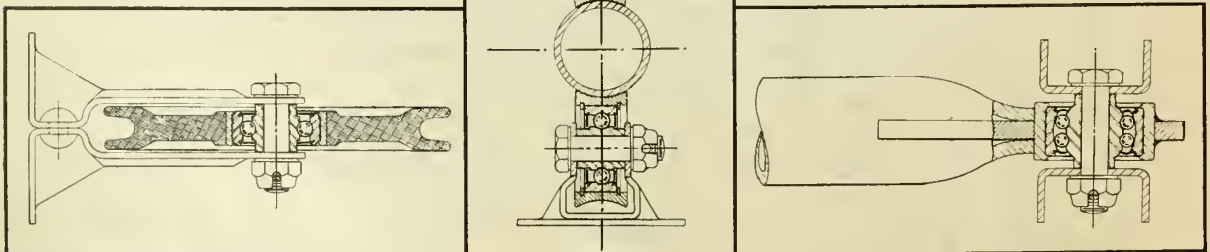


Figure 2. Completely enclosed bearing

Figure 3. Tube guides

Figure 4. End of belt crank control



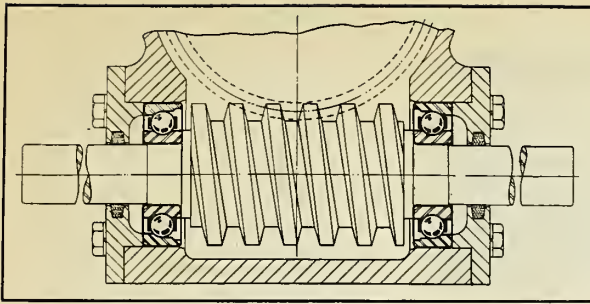


Figure 6. Stabilizer adjustment worm shaft

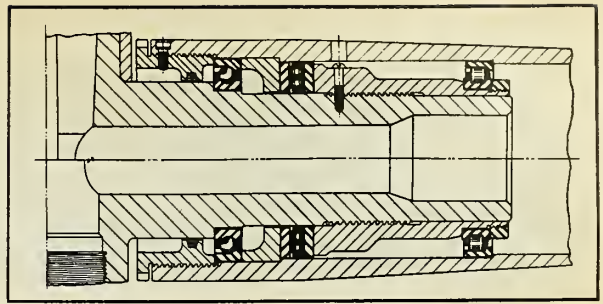


Figure 7. Controllable pitch propeller hub mount

bearing. By using curved surfaces at the outer portion of the bearing inner ring, the side shields cannot strike the ring, regardless of its position. In order to allow for approximately  $10^\circ$  of misalignment without contact between balls and side shields, the outer ring is somewhat extended. Likewise, the inner ring projects at each side to allow the maximum misalignment to take place without fouling the bearing support. The bearing has a high static load capacity made possible through the use of two full rows of balls.

In figure 5 another recent design is shown at the end of a worm used in connection with a retractable landing gear mechanism. The bearing is of the angular contact type but is capable of carrying heavy thrust load in either direction, in addition to radial load; for this reason it is referred to as a duplex bearing. The outer ring is made in two halves clamped together. Through the use of this two-piece outer ring, heavy thrust capacity is obtainable in a bearing of relatively narrow width and light weight. This bearing is designed for use where the thrust load to be carried is greater than the radial load.

The illustration in figure 6 is that of a stabilizer adjustment worm shaft. Open- or separable-type ball bearings are mounted at each end of the worm, to simultaneously carry thrust and radial load. The bearings are used in opposed positions with no threads or lock nuts

employed. The inner rings are pressed on the worm shaft and the outer rings in the housing, after which the final assembly is easily made. The unit is partially packed with grease of light consistency.

Several new types of bearings are shown in the controllable pitch propeller hub mounting in figure 7. On account of the limited space available and the heavy loads involved, standard types of

called "needle" roller bearing. It has the advantages of heavy radial carrying capacity and resistance to overload and shock. Needle rollers have a length ranging from five to ten times their diameter and are used without a retainer. If desired, more than one row of rollers may be employed to obtain the necessary load carrying capacity.

Figure 8 shows a typical mounting of needle rollers in an autogiro pivot. In this illustration three rows of needle rollers are used with hardened and ground steel spacers separating each row. The compactness of the design is evident and it has been found that an extremely heavy load may be carried with such an arrangement. Grease is inserted directly into the space between the rows of rollers to provide lubrication. The parts forming the inner and outer raceways of the bearings are hardened and accurately ground to form smooth contact surfaces. Needle roller bearings are also being used in many aircraft engine applications, particularly for supercharger and propeller reduction gear drives, and, in a few instances, for connecting rod mountings.

The types of bearings shown here have been designed to carry relatively heavy loads in comparison to their size and weight. In the field of aircraft instruments, however, we find different requirements—extreme sensitivity, and in some cases, ability to rotate continuously

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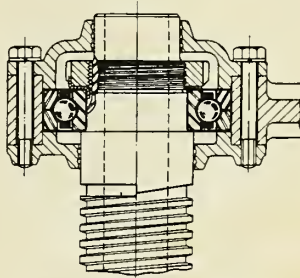


Figure 5. Landing gear worm

bearings are usually inadequate for propeller mountings and accordingly the builder must resort to special bearing designs. In this mounting the thrust load (which is extremely heavy at high propeller speed) is carried on a roller thrust bearing with several rows of relatively short rollers. The retainer, or cage for the rollers, is designed to ride upon the outer thrust bearing plate so that the centrifugal load due to the weight of the retainer will not be exerted on the rollers.

The radial load in the propeller hub is sustained by the open-side ball bearing at the inner position and by an extra light type "one-lipped" roller bearing at the outer position; both bearings being spaced well apart. Outward thrust of the propeller cannot be exerted against the ball bearing, but when properly adjusted, the ball bearing will carry the location thrust in the opposite direction. All of the three bearings shown are designed for compactness, light weight and maximum static load capacity.

Another new type of bearing recently used in aircraft applications is the so-

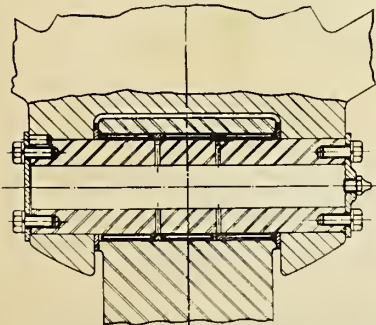


Figure 8. Autogiro needle rollers

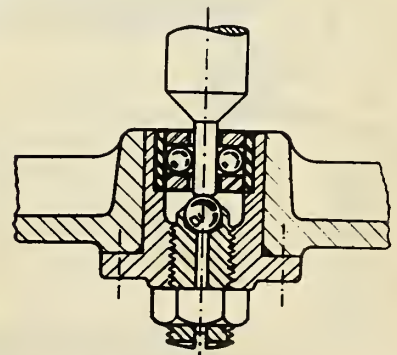


Figure 9. Typical instrument bearing



## DeLuxe Model 90 Monocoupe

• Consistent with general design features of the Monocoupe line, but improved in performance and appearance, the new DeLuxe Model 90 Monocoupe has passed its tests as a feature of the Monocoupe line for 1934. Powered with the new Lambert R-266 90-horsepower engine, the DeLuxe 90 attains a top speed of 140 miles per hour and a normal cruising speed of 120 miles per hour.

Outstanding design features are the installation of flaps in the trailing edge of the wing; tunnel cowling, which reduces head resistance, facilitates engine cooling, and increases visibility and increased cabin and door width. Wing flaps are raised or lowered quickly and effectively by an independent push-pull type control.

New streamlining features, especially in the outboard strut connections and in the undercarriage, contribute to increased performance.

Redesigned stream shielding, together with the new tunnel cowling, provides increased visibility from all angles, and a new manually-controlled ventilating system has been installed to keep the cabin at a comfortable temperature during all seasons. The pilot's seat is further forward of the rear wing spar, providing more head room than before. The instrument panel carries the usual engine and flight instruments, but has been enlarged to accommodate equipment re-

quired for blind flying. Controls are of the usual dual stick type, with the working parts of the control system easily available for inspection by dropping a large metal cowling which covers the large underportion of the fuselage.

Performance of the DeLuxe Model 90 is increased by the use of the new Lambert R-266 and the incorporation of the wing flaps. Economy of operation is evidenced by the fact that the plane will fly 120 miles an hour with a fuel consumption of only 5 gallons, which is at the rate of 24 miles to the gallon of gas.

With the flaps operating, take-off with full load is accomplished in 10 seconds or in 328 feet; landing with brakes is completed in 100 feet. Without using the brakes, a landing can be made in 162 feet. Without flaps, take-off requires 12 seconds or 428 feet; landing without brakes or flaps requires 400 feet.

The landing gear, utilizing a rubber shock cord, has a tread of 5 ft. 3 in., and is equipped with 6.50 x 10 Aircraft Products semi air-wheels and brakes by the same company.

The 90 h.p. Lambert R-266 has several new constructional features. A new two-piece magnesium alloy crankcase, split on a plane through the cylinder center, is machine finished as one piece, thus assuring correct bearing alignment. Cylinder heads and pistons, of the same heat-

treated heat-resisting alloy, have been redesigned with rocker boxes cast with the head enclosing all valve gear.

Use of a short stroke of 3.75 inches provides high engine speed with low piston travel, allowing efficient use of a small diameter propeller. The two-piece, single throw type crankshaft is of heat-treated chrome nickel steel and is supported on three ball bearings.

Gearcase assembly is simple in construction and is removable as a unit with auxiliaries and drives assembled. The lubrication system is of the pressure dry sump type. The engine develops its maximum horsepower at 2375 r.p.m. and 85 h.p. at 2250 r.p.m. From records supplied by present owners of Lambert engines, an average of 400 hours is evidenced before overhaul.

Standard equipment includes wheel pants, tunnel cowling, wing flaps, parking brake, steel propeller, clock, magnetic compass, altimeter, airspeed indicator, tachometer, oil temperature and pressure gauges, 6.50 x 10 semi-air wheels and brakes, dual controls, fire extinguisher and first aid kit.

### Specifications

Wing span .....	32 feet
Length overall .....	20 feet 6 inches
Wing area .....	132.3 square feet
Weight empty .....	935 pounds
Gross weight .....	1,585 pounds
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# AIRLINES and AIR TRAVEL

## Average Mail Bid Is 27.9 Cents

BIDS ON 12 new air mail routes received by the Post Office Department included surprisingly low offers to carry the mail. With the award of contracts for these routes, the country's air mail system will total 28,548 miles and negotiations for further bidding on mail routes will temporarily be brought to a close.

Three biddings were held on the new air mail set up, including those for which contracts already have been awarded and on which private operators are now flying the mails. The per mile average mail pay for the first bids received was 28.8 cents; for the second bidding it jumped to 38.5 cents, while the third and last bidding averaged 20.27 cents, bringing the average rate of pay for the sixty bids received to a general average of 27.9 cents. The maximum rate allowed is 45 cents.

In the last group bidding, the following routes and the companies submitting the lowest bids were:

Detroit-Milwaukee, Pennsylvania Airlines & Transport Co., 38.9 cents; Chicago-Fort Worth, American Airlines, Inc., 8 cents; Pueblo-El Paso, Varney Speed Lines, Inc., 24 cents; Washington-Chicago, American Airlines, Inc., 29 cents; Boston-Cleveland, American Airlines, Inc., 24.5 cents; Billings-Cheyenne, Wyoming Air Service, 28.5 cents; New Orleans-Houston, Robertson Airplane Service Co., 16.7 cents; Charleston-Fort Worth, Delta Air Corp., 24.8 cents; Cleveland-Nashville, American Airlines, Inc., 14½ cents; Newark-Fort Worth, American Airlines, Inc., 13 cents; St. Paul-Kansas City, Hanford Tri State Airlines, Inc., 18.9 cents, and Boston-Burlington, National Airways, Inc., 29.5 cents. A complete list of all cities embraced in these routes appeared in the June, 1934, issue of AERO DIGEST.

American Airlines began service over four of these routes on June 10 and on June 15 inaugurated service over a fifth route.

Additional contracts have already been awarded to National Airways, Inc., Delta Air Corp., Pennsylvania Airlines and Transport Corp., Wyoming Air Service and Varney Speed Lines. These companies have thirty days in which to inaugurate service over the routes for which they were the low bidder.

## United Nearly Doubles Traffic

UNITED AIR Lines carried 9,035 revenue passengers in February contrasted with 4,949 the same month last year, and an increase of 595 over January of this year. Approximately one million miles were flown during the period and the company completed 92 per cent of all mileage scheduled.

Air express was 153 per cent greater than last February's volume, and 14 per cent over January. The company is making every effort to develop air express business, in cooperation with other lines which have the Air Express Division of the Railway Express Agency as the affiliate pickup-delivery system.

## DOUGLAS TRANSPORT MAKES LONG NON-STOP FLIGHT

THE LATEST RECORD established by the Douglas transport now flying over the TWA routes, is that of the longest non-stop flight ever made by a passenger transport. The flight was between Los Angeles and Wichita, a distance of 1296 miles, during which a speed of 199.2 miles an hour was maintained.

## Airline Schedules Increased

EIGHT ROUND-TRIPS each day are now being flown in Curtiss-Wright Condors between Washington and New York by Eastern Air Lines, Inc., following an increase in passenger and express service between the two cities.

With the new schedule, planes are now departing from Newark at 7:40, 8:40, and 11:40 a.m., and 1:40, 3:40 and 4:40 p.m. for Washington; at 5:40 for Miami and 9:40 for New Orleans, carrying passengers and express. The through schedules to southern points also carry air mail.

## Eastern Air Flying 3,040 Airway Miles

EASTERN AIR Lines, Inc., began night air mail service over the Chicago-Jacksonville airway on June 1, following the award of a temporary mail contract. Air express will also be carried and plans for adding passenger service are being studied.

Inauguration of this service rounded out operations over all routes now included in the Eastern Air Line system. Previously the company started mail, passenger and express service between Atlanta and New Orleans, connecting in Atlanta with the New York-Atlanta route.

In addition to Chicago and Jacksonville, the new route serves Indianapolis, Louisville, Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Macon and connects with the New York-Miami route at Jacksonville; to the southwest and west at Atlanta and Nashville and with the north, northwest and northeast at Chicago.

Eastern Air Lines is now flying 10,628 scheduled miles daily over routes totaling 3,040 airway miles and serves 29 cities. The company is now in second place in the number of route miles and daily miles flown.

## Air Mail Bill Passed

THE NEW air mail bill has been signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and a new rate structure both for air mail and air mail payments is to go into effect.

The law not only sets up limitations of contracts which the Postmaster General is authorized to let for one year, but also authorizes the appointment, by the President, of a committee of five to study the formulation of an aviation policy. It is not expected to have any effect on the temporary contracts now in force.

The law provides for competitive bidding, with awards going to the lowest responsible bidder tendering sufficient guarantee for faithful performance. A bidder disbarred by the Postmaster General may appeal to the Comptroller General, whose decision shall be final.

Base pay will not exceed 33.3 cents an airplane mile for loads not exceeding 300 pounds; for heavier loads, the pay will reach a maximum of 40 cents a mile.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is authorized, after notice and hearing, to alter rates on a fair basis, but not in excess of the established rates. Contracts satisfactorily performed during the initial and extended period shall be continued for an indefinite period in accordance with any changes in rates that may be made by the ICC, but any contract so continued may be terminated by the ICC upon sixty days' notice and after a hearing. The contractor may also cancel his contract on the same terms.

Prohibitions have been placed on holding companies and interlocking directorates and no person holding a contract may buy an interest, directly or indirectly, in any other aviation properties except landing fields, hangars and ground facilities. Salaries of executives are not to exceed \$17,500 annually, and maximum and minimum flying hours for pilots and the speed, load and safety factors of aircraft are to be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce.

The air mail postage, under the new bill, has been reduced to six cents an ounce or fraction thereof, effective July 1.

## Airline Initiates New Service

EXTENSION OF its present service between Washington and Cleveland to Detroit was announced by officials of Pennsylvania Airlines, as the first 12-passenger Ford tri-motor plane left Washington Airport over the new route.

At present one round trip will be flown daily, making the run to Detroit in 4 hours 20 minutes, 1 hour 30 minutes faster than any other service now offered to the Great Lakes city. Direct connections will be made at Cleveland for Chicago and the west.

### **Airline Increases Schedules**

EXTENSIONS OF its air transport service, the addition of new schedules on established routes and the use of new equipment on existing airlines, effective at once, were announced by Lester D. Seymour, president of American Airlines, Inc.

Springfield, Mass., is being served with a direct New York line, tri-motored planes flying two round-trips daily with stops at Hartford. Elmira, N. Y., was made a scheduled stop with an additional daily schedule between New York and Detroit, using Ford transports, and as soon as work on the Scranton, Pa., airport is completed, that city will be included in the schedule.

The 90-minute non-stop Boston-New York service, inaugurated last March, was increased from two to five round-trips daily with 15-passenger Curtiss-Condors used. Hartford is served by three daily schedules between New York and Hartford and one Boston-Hartford schedule in each direction.

### **Northwest Airlines Resumes Service**

NORTHWEST AIRLINES, Inc., resumed service over the northern transcontinental route from Chicago to Seattle and is carrying mail, passengers and express between Fargo and Seattle. Only passengers and express are being carried between Fargo and Chicago.

Ford tri-motored equipment is operating between Billings and Seattle and the new 200-mile-an-hour Lockheed Orions between Billings and the Twin Cities. One schedule between the Twin Cities and Chicago is operating with the new Lockheed Electra which was recently delivered to the company. The second schedule between the Twin Cities and Chicago is flown with Orions. As soon as the full fleet of bi-motored Electras has been delivered, present plans provide for their being flown over the entire route from Chicago to Seattle.

### **31,415 Passengers Carried in April**

SCHEDULED AIRLINES operating in the United States carried 31,415 passengers in April, 1934, according to reports to the Department of Commerce from 18 of the 19 companies operating during that month.

These scheduled airlines flew 2,450,692 miles, carried 150,383 pounds of express and flew 12,378,678 passenger miles during the month in question.

Comparison with February and March, 1934, show that an increase was recorded in the number of passengers carried, express poundage and in the number of passenger miles flown.

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## **SLEEPER PLANE SERVICE OPERATING ON SCHEDULE**

INAUGURAL SLEEPER plane service was initiated out of Dallas when an American Airlines' Condor took off for Los Angeles with passengers on the first regularly scheduled flight of sleeper planes. Accommodations are provided in spacious berths for 12 persons in these twin Cyclone-powered transports.

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### **Hanford Extends Service**

HANFORD TRI STATE Airlines, Sioux City, Ia., contract holder for air mail service between Chicago and St. Paul-Minneapolis and Fargo and Pembina, N. D., has extended its passenger service to Winnipeg, Canada. There has been no air travel service between the Twin Cities and Winnipeg since last February. Gene Shank, operations manager for Hanford, recently made the trip which opened the new service.

### **Air Mail System to Be Studied**

A NATION-WIDE survey of the new air mail system for the purpose of affording air mail patrons the best possible service will be made during the next few months, according to the Post Office Department.

As the survey progresses, inspection tours and visits to the pivotal points in the system will be made by Harlee Branch, in charge of the air mail service and Stephen A. Cisler, general superintendent of the air and railway mail services.

The survey will include a check on performance records of the new contractors, on the volume of mail carried, the patronage given the offices supplied, and an investigation into the necessity of increased frequency of schedules on some lines to coordinate more closely the air and railway mail systems.

Another phase of the survey will be an effort on the part of the Post Office Department to familiarize the people with the great saving of time that can be accomplished by the use of the airplane to carry the mails.

### **April Air Express Sets Record**

WITH NUMBER of shipments 22 per cent over March and topping April, 1933, by 188 per cent, the Air Express Division of Railway Express Agency reported another all-time record for the handling of cargoes over commercial airlines during April, 1934. This express matter was flown by contract aviation lines comprising a nation-wide network and includes United Air Lines, General Air Lines and others giving a coordinated transcontinental and feeder-line system. The number of shipments in the April increase totaled more than half the number handled during the entire year of 1932.

### **Another High-Speed Line Inaugurated**

AIR PASSENGER schedules based on a cruising speed of 3 miles a minute have been inaugurated by TWA, Inc., with the Douglas airliner, operating between New York and Chicago. The airliner is capable of speeds exceeding 200 miles an hour with fourteen passengers, full crew and cargo, but the scheduled speed, excluding time spent in taxiing at the airport, is kept at about 180 miles an hour, to provide ample reserve speed and power.

The first TWA Douglas put into regular airline service early this year after a period of two years spent in design, development and exhaustive tests, has already carried more than 5,000 passengers since it was delivered.

### **Alaskan Freight Line Opens**

PTARMIGAN AIR LINES, headed by Frank Dorbandt, has been organized to operate a freight line between Cordova, Anchorage and Fairbanks, chief cities in Alaska.

Five planes capable of carrying from two to 10 tons each are being placed in service. Extensions of the line will take a route over the Bering Sea to Siberia.

Dorbandt is a pioneer flier and was one of the first pilots to carry the air mail in the North. At one time, he landed Father Hubbard, the flying priest, in the crater of the Aniakchak Volcano.

### **South Bend on Airline Route**

THE BENDIX municipal airport at South Bend, Ind., became a regular stop for the transport planes of United Air Lines when regular service was instituted under the direction of Thomas Wolfe, Chicago traffic manager of the airline company.

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TOMORROW'S AIRPLANES TODAY

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#### **Traffic Personnel Added**

ADDITIONS TO American Airways' New York City traffic personnel have been announced by Charles A. Rheinstrom, general traffic manager.

Pat O'Toole, formerly city traffic manager at Rochester, N. Y., has been transferred to the New York office to take charge of ticket agent contacts. J. M. Knappenberger, who preceded O'Toole at Rochester, will return there after serving in Buffalo.

George Swayne, previously city traffic manager at Hartford, Conn., also has been transferred to the New York office and Don Carson, city traffic manager at Springfield, Mass., will take his place in Hartford. In addition to the above, Rheinstrom announced the appointment of Glen Jury as city traffic manager in Louisville, Ky., succeeding Conger Poague, resigned.

#### **Radio Transmitter Installed**

A NEW, seven and a half watt airport radio transmitter which operates on a frequency of 278 kilocycles has been installed in the Department of Commerce airways' teletype station at Love Field, Dallas.

It is to assist airline and military fliers covering the Dallas-Kansas City route and is equipped for releasing radio signals which can be detected by pilots flying low over the field.

#### **Express Poundage Increases**

AMERICAN AIRWAYS express tonnage for February showed a gain of 174.63 per cent over the same month last year, marking the 14th consecutive month that an increase of 100 per cent or more over the comparable month of the preceding year has been recorded by the company.

During the month, the company's planes carried 37,897 pounds of express, comparing with 13,799 pounds in February, 1933, and 36,845 pounds in January, 1934.

#### **Air Route Lighting Planned**

THE NORTHWESTERN transcontinental air route from Minneapolis and St. Paul through Billings to Seattle probably will be lighted for night flying by this fall, according to L. L. Jilson, aeronautical development expert, Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, who has been making the surveys.

#### **Route Lighting Work Inaugurated**

WORK ON completing the lighting of the Oklahoma City-St. Louis airway was started when the Public Works Administration agreed to back the project. All engineering and survey work on the route which is now lighted to Tulsa, was completed under a previous allotment.

The route connects at Oklahoma City

with the Oklahoma City-Amarillo airway and at the latter point joins the transcontinental route.

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### **TWA OPENS NEW YORK AIR TICKET OFFICE**

INFORMATION AND reservations on airlines will be obtained at the newly opened TWA, Inc., air ticket office in the Grand Central zone of New York. The offices are directly opposite the Grand Central Terminal at 70 East 42nd Street. Airport limousines for TWA flights depart from the new city ticket office for Newark airport.

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#### **Short Line Extends Route**

CHESAPEAKE AIR FERRIES, Inc., operating between Baltimore and Easton, Md., has expanded its service after an application filed for a permit to extend its franchise to include Cambridge and Salisbury, Md., was approved.

The newly inaugurated service provides a twice-daily schedule similar to the one now operating.

#### **Frank Reemploys 30 People**

REEMPLOYMENT OF approximately thirty persons for the air mail and passenger service between Salt Lake City and Great Falls, Montana, which recently resumed operations, was announced by Alfred Frank, former president of the National Parks Airways and now contractor in his own name. Mr. Frank recently returned from Washington, D. C., where he submitted his bid for the route at a slightly reduced figure than before the government canceled the contracts. The schedule on the Frank route has been cut from two round trips to one round trip per day.

#### **Lighted Airway Projects Progress**

A NEW Federally-lighted airway project has been finished, another is nearing completion, and bids for construction of a third have been advertised.

Rex Martin, Assistant Director of Aeronautics in charge of Air Navigation of the Commerce Department, ordered the beacon lights on the new airway between Louisville and Indianapolis, and between Omaha and Davenport turned on. He also has called for bids for construction of a new lighted airway between Galveston and Waco.

#### **Division Headquarters Selected**

OMAHA, NEB., has been selected as division headquarters for United Air Lines, with the operating area comprising 908 miles of connecting lines. Stations at Des Moines, Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Iowa City, Moline and Kansas City are under this office. Ralph Reed will be superintendent and the mechanical force there will make motor and plane inspections.

#### **Airline Service Expanded**

ADDITION OF a new de luxe Concor schedule between New York and Chicago via Buffalo and Detroit due to increased patronage has been announced by Lester D. Seymour, president of American Airlines, Inc.

One afternoon plane now departs at one o'clock and a second plane leaves at four, arriving in Chicago seven hours later. Chicago departures are at 12:30 o'clock and 5 o'clock in the afternoon with arrivals at Newark at 7:29 and 11:59 o'clock respectively.

To provide a better span of service on the New York-Detroit schedule with stops at Elmira and Detroit, that plane leaves at 6 p.m.

#### **Airline Moves Quarters**

HEADQUARTERS of the Wyoming Air Service, Inc., which has the mail-carrying contracts between Cheyenne and Pueblo and Billings and Cheyenne, will be shifted from Casper, Wyo., to Denver, Colo., according to Dick Leferink, president. Plans have been completed for operation of the line over the routes and six new Stinson monoplanes have been purchased for use in the new venture. Marvin Landis is the traffic manager.

#### **Braniff Flying Lockheeds With Mail**

SIX WASP-POWERED Lockheeds went into service when Braniff Airways, Inc., inaugurated night mail service between Dallas and Chicago under a government contract.

Supplementing the night schedule, the company has installed a day passenger service between the same cities, via Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, Bartlesville, Tulsa and Kansas City. Current schedules call for an eight-hour flight, with ships leaving Dallas at noon and arriving in Chicago at 8:10. Southbound planes leave Chicago at noon and arrive in Dallas at 7:45.

#### **United Offers Frequent Service**

AIR COMMUTER service between New York and Chicago has been inaugurated by United Air Lines with Boeing twin-engined transport planes on hourly schedules.

Planes leave New York hourly on the hour for Cleveland and Chicago and depart from Chicago hourly on the half hour for the east during daylight hours. Schedules are less frequent during the evening.

Thirteen planes are being flown each way every 24 hours, providing fast service between the two cities. United has assigned 35 of the low-wing, high-speed Boeings to the eastern division of its mid-continent routes to provide the commuter service. Several of the schedules connect at Chicago with other United planes flying to Omaha, Salt Lake City, the Pacific Coast and Kansas City.

# PRIVATE FLYING and CLUB NEWS

## Glider Towed 150 Miles to Show

STANLEY SMITH of Ann Arbor, Mich., was towed 150 miles across country to South Bend, Ind., by Homer Stockert to be present at the first field exhibition of the newly organized Bendix Gliders' Club. The trip, made in the face of a strong head-wind, took three hours.

Over the Bendix Municipal Airport, Smith cut loose at 1200 feet and landed. Large crowds watched the subsequent exhibition of soaring, looping and other glider maneuvers.

Officials of the Bendix Glider Club at South Bend are Guy Weber, president; Clyde Brower, vice-president; Fred Windsor, treasurer and Francis Shedd, secretary.

## 20,000 See Ft. Wayne Air Show

A RYAN B5, equipped with a Wright engine and sponsored by the Fort Wayne *News Sentinel*, was piloted to victory in the 15-mile invitational race in that city by Capt. Clarence Cornish, manager of the Aereco Flying Service.

The race was part of an air show staged at the Paul Baer Municipal Airport and more than 20,000 persons witnessed the events, which included bomb dropping, parachute jumps, stunt flying and races.

## Aero Club Incorporated

THE WING OVER Club of Beaumont was granted a Texas charter by the Secretary of State and entered into its third year of existence as an incorporated organization. The club maintains club rooms at the LaSalle Hotel in Beaumont and has a membership of 49, consisting entirely of licensed pilots with the exception of two honorary members.

Officers are: Larry J. Fisher, president; Burton Holton, vice-president; Mrs. Wier Merchant, secretary-treasurer;

Frank Estill, Joseph Delaune, O. K. Hargraves, Albert L. Stuart and A. E. Wedgeworth, directors.

Study classes are maintained for student pilots and air events are promoted as is aviation and private flying generally. Meetings are held twice each month.

## 12 WOMEN PILOTS IN ANNETTE GIPSON RACE

THE THIRD Annual Annette Gipson All-Women's Air Race, held at Roosevelt Field June 24, included a field of 12 starters who flew a 30-mile closed course for a cash prize and the Annette Gipson Cup. The winner was Edna Gardner of Washington, D. C., who was followed by Suzanne Humphries and Frances H. Marselis, in that order. More than 7,500 persons witnessed the event.

## Club Starts Membership Drive

A GOAL of 150 members has been set by the Dixie Aviation Club, Memphis, Tenn., which has launched a new drive for members under the direction of Robert Vaught, Thomas Adams and John Webb. An attendance prize, consisting of a flying course including solo time up to 10 hours is being offered. Regular meetings are being held at the Peabody Hotel weekly, according to Al Gardner, president.

## Girls' Flying Club Meets

THE SOCIAL meeting of the Chicago Girls' Flying Club, held recently at the home of Miss Bee Gronde, was featured by an educational lecture by M. J. Rottunna of the Metropolitan News Photo, Chicago Municipal Airport, who illustrated his talk with moving and still pictures of aviation in its various stages of progression.

**Junior Birdmen Pageant Draws Crowd**  
MORE THAN 25,000 persons witnessed the first Junior Birdmen Pageant at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., and were entertained with a full program of sport and precision flying.

Among the performers were Lloyd Downs, Waldo Waterman, Ralph Bushey and Garland Lincoln. Frank Hawks, just back from China where he demonstrated a Curtiss-Wright bomber, Cliff Henderson, Dudley Steele and Major C. C. Mosely were also in attendance. The TWA Douglas airliner, Waterman's "Whatsit" and Bushey's speed plane were flown for the benefit of the crowd.

A demonstration of military flying by the Army Air Corps Reserves from Long Beach featured the events of the day.

## Sportsmen Pilots Elect Officers

ROBERT B. HALL, sportsman pilot of Baltimore, Md., was reelected president of the Chesapeake Flying Club, Inc., of the same city for the fifth consecutive term to serve with Gwynn Lease, vice-president; Clarence H. Fisher, secretary; George Anderson, chairman membership committee and Gail F. King, operations manager.

The election of officers featured the fifth anniversary of the founding of the organization which is composed entirely of local sportsmen pilots who have flown more than 3,000 hours. There are eighteen members in the club which maintains headquarters at 1117 St. Paul Street, Baltimore.

## Camber Club Holds Air Meet

THE SPRING air meet of the Camber Club, Baltimore, Md., organization of sportsmen pilots was held at the Curtiss-Wright Airport in that city. Eight events were on the program, including a bombing exhibition by members of the Twenty-ninth Division Aviation, Maryland National Guard.

Featured were a series of parachute jumps, topped by a triple jump, a handicap race with ten entries including three women and acrobatic flying.

## Women's Air Meet Scheduled

A WOMEN'S national air meet is to be held at the Dayton Municipal Airport, Dayton, Ohio, August 4 and 5, 1934, sponsored jointly by the Women's National Aeronautic Association and the Ninety Nines.

Plans for the meet include as a main event, a closed course handicap race for cash prizes, and a number of other contests, such as spot landings, dead stick landings and balloon bursting. There will be other awards in addition to cash prizes, details of which will be announced later. Martha C. Smith, of Dayton is chairman of the executive committee.



Crowd at Grand Central Air Terminal during Junior Birdmen air pageant

# NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS

## *Curtiss Summer Courses Approved*

SUMMER COURSES for teachers at the Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute, situated at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., which have the approval of the Vocational Division of the California State Board of Education for the past two years, have been approved in full by the Oregon State Board of Education and for special aeronautical subjects by the Board of Education at Washington, according to Major C. C. Mosely, in charge of Curtiss-Wright activities in Southern California.

This development promises to bring good-sized delegations from Washington and Oregon inasmuch as aeronautical study in schools is attracting more students each succeeding year.

## *Purdue Building Air Unit*

A \$50,000 hangar and aeronautical laboratory is under construction at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., on ground provided by David E. Ross, head of the Ross Gear factories and president of the Board of Trustees of the University.

A portion of the new structure is to be used for instruction and research work in aviation. In connection with the hangar there will be service rooms, weather and radio equipment laboratories and field offices. The new project is to be a practical tie-up of flying field activities of a commercial nature, and advanced student instruction in aviation research and engineering work. The field is to be lighted for night flying.

## *Warren School in Larger Quarters*

THE WARREN SCHOOL of Aeronautics is now in its tenth year of operation and has taken new quarters at 236 W. 18 Street, Los Angeles, Calif, where it will continue to specialize in instruction for aviation mechanics and engineers.

Culminating ten years of progress, the school was forced to seek larger quarters and moved into a building in the trade school center of the coast city. The school is fully equipped for instruction, with the work being conducted by Charles A. Warren, president.

## *Bendix Ground School Opens*

AN AVIATION ground school for factory and office employees of the Bendix Aviation Corp. has been established in South Bend, Ind., and regular weekly

meetings are being held with more than 150 pupils in attendance.

Local aviators and aeronautical experts contribute their services as lecturers while the school is conducted under the direction of H. S. Cole, who is also director of the Bendix Service School. Textbooks used are the same as those at Wright Field, Dayton.

## KLEMIN HONORED FOR AERONAUTICAL WORK

PROF. ALEXANDER KLEMIN, in charge of the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aeronautics, New York University, and technical editor of AERO DIGEST, received an honorary degree from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, by virtue of service rendered in the field of aeronautical science. Kenyon College includes the Wilbur L. Cummings School of Practical Aeronautics and maintains Port Kenyon, a flying field situated near the campus.

## *School Executive Aids Airline*

A LEAVE of absence from his duties as president of Safair Flying School and Service, Roosevelt Field, N. Y., has been taken by O. P. Hebert, who is now aiding in the organization and operation of Pacific Seaboard Airlines, Inc., which was awarded an air mail contract over the Chicago-New Orleans route. Carlton Putnam, president of the airline, learned to fly under Mr. Hebert's guidance.

The Safair School is supplying much of the operating personnel for the airline and a number of transport graduates have been appointed to positions at the seven bases between Lake Michigan and the Gulf, and at the main base in Memphis. Originally, Wright-powered Bellancas will be used to fly the route, but it is planned to add Lockheed Electras to the run when passenger traffic volume has been developed.

## *Offers Courses in Aviation*

DAVENPORT AIRWAYS, Inc., Davenport, Ia., recently announced the opening of new classes in aeronautical ground courses. The entire course of fifteen weeks consists of classes four nights a week held at Cram Field. Subjects included are theory of flight, airplane mechanics, aircraft engines, navigation, meteorology and air regulations.

## *School's Equipment Augmented*

EXPANDING ITS ground school equipment by the addition of more instructional apparatus, the Boeing School of Aeronautics, Oakland, Calif., now offers detailed visual instruction in power plant supercharging.

Instructors Herbert Marsh and E. J. Camy of the aircraft power plant shop have constructed a sectional assembly of the blower section of a Wasp engine. The assembly shows the arrangement of supercharger impeller, gear train, clutch drive and all various bearings, cylinders, collars and shafts in their proper location. The assembly complements a sectionalized Wasp motor cut away to show all internal working parts and the mechanical set-up of the engine.

## *Boston School Approved*

DEPARTMENT OF Commerce approval of its ground and flying courses has been obtained by Inter City Flying and Ground School, Boston Municipal Airport, E. Boston, Mass. The school is under the direction of Charles W. Sutherland and the flight instructor is Lieut. F. P. Kendall.

Flying equipment consists of Kinner-powered Fleets for primary work; Monocoups and Fairchild "22's" for secondary training and a Waco Cabin plane for advanced instruction. The company is New England sales representative for the two latter types. In addition, there is available a Curtiss Fledgling completely equipped with blind flying instruments and a Curtiss Robin.

The courses offered, both flying and ground, include transport, limited commercial, private and amateur. A complete mechanics course is also being offered by the organization.

## *Dawn Patrol Makes Air Tour*

FOUR SHIPS from the Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Okla., flown by members of the Dawn Patrol, accompanied the Oklahoma Air Tour on its flight covering the state. The tour required five days to complete and covered a distance of 1,400 miles. There were thirty-six ships on the tour flown by pilots from Oklahoma and several adjoining states. Airports were visited that had received aid from the CWA, many of which had planes landing for the first time when ships of the tour visited the field.

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# AT THE AIRPORTS

## *New-Type Runways at Kelly Field*

BLACK AND white non-skid surfaced runways have been constructed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex., to provide adequate night and day visibility and to enable pilots to more accurately estimate their distance above the field.

The striped effect was made using Colas, a black-colored emulsified asphalt, in the construction of all wearing surfaces on a new runway, the old warming-up line, taxiways and roadways at the field. As this product, manufactured by the Shell Petroleum Corp., will penetrate a compacted roadway surface and uniformly coat each particle with a film of asphalt, it was possible to leave it uncovered for the black stripes without danger of the surface becoming soft or sticky. For the white stripes, a layer of pea gravel was thoroughly rolled in immediately after application of Colas.

The idea was developed by Air Corps officers in cooperation with Shell's asphalt sales department representatives, who helped supervise the covering of 150,000 square yards.

The new runway extends 1,500 feet out from the old warming line in the direction of the prevailing winds. The old warming line has been widened to 200 feet and extended to 6,800 feet, giving an east-west runway when needed, and a warming line of appropriate and adequate dimensions.

## *Airport Reports 1933 Deficit*

A DEFICIT of \$9,382 in the operation of the Milwaukee County Airport for 1933 was shown in a recent report. Although the county received \$19,532 in sales at the airport, at a profit of \$11,346, operating expenses for the year were \$20,766.

The number of planes arriving and departing decreased, but more passengers arrived and departed from the airport

than during 1932. There were 6,787 arrivals, an increase of 1,021 and 6,505 departures, an increase of 1,099 passengers while airplanes arriving numbered 2,759, a decrease of 340 and departures were 2,734, down 344.

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## AIR SHOW TO FEATURE AIRPORT OPENING

LAWRENCE COUNTY'S (South Dakota) new airport, now nearing completion, will be dedicated July 22, with an air show sponsored by the Black Hills Aero Club. Col. R. D. Gerritt is expected to make the principal address.

The airport, located east of Spearfish, is designed to serve Lead, Deadwood, Spearfish and White-wood.

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## *Idaho Plans More Airports*

THE CONSTRUCTION of landing fields in the state of Idaho has been advanced by at least ten years through the CWA program, in the opinion of A. C. Blomgren, director of aeronautics for the State Department of Public Works. G. E. McKelvey is commissioner of the department.

Thirty-two projects were constructed, only three remaining non-usable as a result of stoppage of CWA work. Further work, however, is contemplated on seven new fields through the cooperation of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Transient Relief Corps while an additional six fields are planned under the regular Federal Employment Relief Association.

The state recently issued a state airport map which is extremely useful and well-prepared. Diagrammatic sketches of the major fields and a map of the state showing all fields are included.

## *Three Southwest Airports Dedicated*

AIRPORTS IN Arkansas and Oklahoma were officially dedicated recently, heralding the completion of more new projects in the fast-growing nation-wide chain of flying fields.

Under the auspices of the local American Legion Post, the Clarksville, Ark., airport was officially opened with an air meet and a crowd of 2,500. The Heavener, Okla., airport also had an air show as a feature of its opening, while the dedication of the Weddington Airport in Hugo, Okla., was the principal feature of the program given in connection with the State Chamber of Commerce's annual air tour.

## *New Government Field Operating*

THE NEW Department of Commerce landing field at Seymour, Ind., on the Indianapolis-Louisville route, is now lighted for night flying and has reached a stage of completion which permits landings by day or night. The port is the half-way emergency landing field between Indianapolis and Louisville and has a revolving beacon, field border lights and runway indicators as well as obstruction lights.

It includes 110 acres leased by the government and is almost entirely level. There are three runways designated by lights at night and by crushed stone markers in the daytime.

## *Glasgow to Have Air Show*

AN INVITATION has been extended by Glasgow, Mont., to aviators of the northwest to join in a gala celebration July 3 to 5 in commemoration of the completion and dedication of the local airport and the opening of an all-steel hangar. An air circus, featuring Tex Rankin, will be staged during the three days. In addition, the Glasgow airport committee is negotiating with the Army air service for a pursuit or observation squadron.



New striped runway system at the Army training base, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas

### *Idaho Airports Gaining*

IDAHO AIRPORT facilities are being enlarged and improved with considerable progress made in the recent past.

At Preston, three runways, averaging 2000 feet each and completely surfaced with gravel topped with shale, and a metal-covered hangar 60 feet square, have been completed. The hangar includes an office, machine shops and dormitory and has concrete floors with all-metal roofing and sides. Plans are under way to pipe the city water system to the airport.

Graveling is under way on three 2500-foot runways at the Burley municipal airport which is well-lighted and newly improved while at Downey, a considerable sum of money is going into the construction of a new project.

### *Intermediate Field Under Construction*

WORK IS now in progress on the new airport southwest of Fort Plain, N. Y., under the supervision of C. N. Wilson of the Aeronautics Branch, Department of Commerce. When completed the field will be designated an intermediate landing field and will be one of the largest of its kind in the state. Complete lighting equipment will be installed.

### *Airport Encourages Airmindedness*

TWO FREE scholarships, offered by Somerton Airport, through the Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce to young men over 16 years of age, were awarded winners of a contest which consisted of writing an essay on "Aviation in Northeast Philadelphia." These scholarships entitle the winners to a complete ground school course.

Judges were Alvin A. Swenson, chairman of the Aviation Committee, Joseph B. Seaman, president, Northwest Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and Chester S. Roberts, president of the Tacoma Manufacturers Association.

### *Dallas Site Proposed for Port*

OFFICIALS OF the Trinity River levee district, reclaimed bottom lands near the Dallas, Tex., business districts, are making overtures to city officials for providing another airport in this area, which is directly back of the local union depot and which would provide a downtown project five minutes' walk from the business center.

### *Complete Work At Tulsa Port*

C. W. SHORT, Jr., manager of the Tulsa, Okla., municipal airport recently announced the completion of a beautification program which includes a retaining wall on both sides of the field. The field has been enlarged by 20 acres; has been graded and tile-drained, and a ceiling projector has been installed. In addition grass has been sown over the field

in front of the hard-surfaced runways. The retaining wall is adjacent to the runways on both sides.

## **36 MICHIGAN PORTS BEING COMPLETED**

WORK HAS been resumed on 36 of Michigans' airport development projects financed out of Federal Relief Funds, and they may be completed this coming August, according to officials of the State Board of Aeronautics, who said adequate funds are available for the completion of the program.

### *Woodland Holds Air Show*

FORMAL DEDICATION of a new hangar featured an air show held at Best Field Airport, Woodland, Calif., recently. Carl E. Wulff was chairman of the show having been elected by the pilots interested in staging it. The new hangar was constructed with funds raised at an air show held at the field last year.

### *Pendleton Airport Dedicated*

THE NEW Pendleton, Ore., airport was dedicated in a typical Western atmosphere with a round-up parade. Speakers included Mayor Joseph Carson, Portland, and Mayor Jack Allen, Pendleton.

Tex Rankin, Portland pilot, and a troupe of his acrobatic fliers provided the thrills for the crowd.

Pendleton is now on a direct East-West route with regular schedules maintained by United Air Lines.

### *Airport Changes Name*

EFFECTIVE JUNE 21 the name of United Airport, Los Angeles, was changed to Union Air Terminal. This decision, according to president Fred Denslow has been dictated in the interests of transport lines, the traveling public, airport tenants and Southern California business. Because of its location, facilities, meteorological conditions and other advantages, this airport has become in less than four years one of the foremost in the entire nation in point of passengers, schedules and general flying activity.

### *Kansas Has 24 New Airports*

AS A RESULT of the CWA airport program, Kansas has 24 new airports and according to Fred Grieme, airport advisor, most of them are ready or almost ready for operations.

The cities which have acquired landing fields under the program are Atwood, Chanute, Coffeyville, El Dorado, Fort Scott, Garnett, Dodge City, Pratt, Medicine Lodge, Liberty, Garden City, Goodland, Oakley, Norton, Wakeeney, Hays, Wilson, Salina, Topeka, Kansas City, McPherson, Hutchinson, Pittsburgh, and Lawrence.

### *North Dakota Airport Ratio High*

WHEN ALL work on airports in the state is completed, North Dakota will have more fields per capita than any other state in the Union, according to Noel Solien, state airport advisor under the CWA airport program.

Total funds expended or allotted for 57 airports constructed or improved under the CWA exceeded \$180,000. The airway system brought about by the work involves proposed state air routes and existing commercial lines, one of which is the northern transcontinental route to Seattle.

Proposed state routes are from Pembina toward Cheyenne, Wyo., via Devils Lake, Fessenden and Bismarck; Portal toward Watertown, S. D., via Minot, Jamestown, La Moure and Oakes; Grand Forks toward Glasgow, Mont., via Lakota, Devils Lake, Minot and Williston. A spur from Minot extends toward Pierre, S. D., through Bismarck.

### *New Airport for Lexington*

A NEW municipal airport is being constructed five miles north of Lexington, Ky., on a tract of land measuring 106 acres. Grading and leveling work are progressing under the direction of N. N. Baxter, field manager.

Until the new field is ready for use, aircraft are using the old municipal airport, Halley Field, where service and maintenance are available during the day.

### *Waco Field Being Improved*

AMONG AIRPORTS projects under way in Texas is the work going on at Rich Field, Waco. Workmen are completing the installation of boundary lights and markers. Other work being done on the field includes a general clean-up program under the direction of Roy Corwin.

### *Dansville Hangar Nears Completion*

WORK ON improvement of the municipal airport at Dansville, N. Y., is well under way, with the erection of a \$16,000 steel and concrete hangar proceeding rapidly under direction of Lynn E. Pickard, airport manager and project superintendent. There are 113 men, including 25 skilled laborers, at work in two shifts on the airport, with the weekly payroll exceeding \$1,000. Joseph Donlay of the North Park Realty Company, Buffalo, has charge of constructing the hangar, and Henry V. Roelofs, Livonia, is supervising engineer.

### *Dallas Gas Tax Abandoned*

ASSISTANT CITY Manager David Robinson of Dallas, who is also in charge of Love Field, the local municipal airport, has announced the abolition of the three-cent tax on each gallon of gasoline and the substitution of a hangar fee or other charge as one of the principal changes to be made at the field.

# Personallities



● YOU'VE PROBABLY noticed that if anything keeps going long enough it eventually gets around to the point where it started, proving, if anything, that we and the world simply run around in circles. Take the world, for instance, it travels millions of miles through space each year, but at the end of 365 days it's right back where it was 365 days before. If it hadn't moved at all it would have made just as much progress. And as for a man, well, he starts off as a helpless baby, grows up, grows old, and in time enters his second childhood.

What brings this to mind is an old infant named Earl R. Southee, General Manager of the Soaring Society of America, Inc., at Elmira, N. Y. Earl started off years ago flying kites, worked up to motored airplanes, and now is moving back, via gliders, to the days of his youth. In a year or two he'll probably have a little balloon on the end of a string and be eating Wheatena and listening to Uncle Don on the radio. Once an old airplane pilot goes back to gliders it's only a question of time when his grandchildren will be giving him a kite for Christmas.

Well, don't take me seriously—I'm only having a little fun with Earl, who is a swell fellow and can take it with a grin. This soaring in motorless planes really is great sport, and from what little I've seen of it I should say that any airplane pilot could get into a glider and learn things about the air that he never would suspect so long as he always had an engine to haul him along. Flying only with the aid of the wind and your own wits is clever, and I admire anyone who can do it successfully. Strapping a small motorless airplane to your fanny and going somewhere with it is quite a trick, and you have to be a bit of an old slicker to get more than a mile away from your starting point without coming down. Up at Elmira a couple of years ago I watched the boys sailing back and forth along a ridge for hours at a time, sometimes with three of them in close formation, and it made a pretty sight. Of course, I know that a lot of old airplane pilots look with amusement at this sport, but it is a sport, not a business or a military proposition, and should be compared to other sports, not to motored flight.

Earl R. Southee was born at Binghamton, N. Y., May 15, 1892, and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania

*by Caldwell*

in the Spring of 1925 with the degree of B. S., which means Bachelor of Science, not what you think. It took 33 years to get the old boy completely educated, which is pretty nearly a record for slow-motion education. In fairness to Earl, however, I should add at once that he stopped taking aboard education in 1913, went in for aviation, joined the Army, and did barnstorming after the war, only hitting the Higher Education Mill in the later stages of his career. It's a funny thing about old pilots; they often quit school early in life, fly for a time, and then go back and take courses in this and in that. They start off refusing to learn anything, and end up as hounds for learning. I've seen it in dozens of cases. Only the other day Casey Jones told me that he was thinking of enrolling in the advanced kindergarten class, and I may go in with him. We old pilots try to keep up on our larnin'. Glenn L. Martin and I undoubtedly will end up flying gliders and cutting out paper dummies.

Well, we were breaking Earl R. Southee up into his constituent elements. It was in 1913 at the Syracuse State Fair that Earl worked for a group of old barnstormers as a mechanic. That is, he told them that he was a mechanic; and they believed him until it got so that none of the engines would run. Then Earl moved on and went with a different group of

free balloon pilots where the going as a mechanic was simpler. All a balloon mechanic had to do was feed the fires and get the balloon inflated and then go out and retrieve the balloonist. Even Earl could do that, back in 1913. Small boys used to watch him with envy and refer to him as "one of the aviators." Smoke kept getting in his eyes, so he quit and went to work for Curtiss at Buffalo in 1916. They were in production, going full blast, and turning out three seaplanes a week for the British Government, which had a war on its hands, in addition to its annoyances with those early Curtisses, which also annoyed Earl so much that in June of 1916 he went to Newport News, Virginia, where Captain Baldwin was running the Curtiss Flying School. Here Earl got to flying around on Curtiss pushers and the original Jennies with Vic Carlstrom, Walter Lees, Eddie Stinson and Stewart Cogswell.

In March, 1917, Earl was ordered to the Princeton Flying School where Hobe Baker, Col. Guy Vaughn, Elliott White Springs and others were in training. Elliott hadn't yet published War Birds and hadn't got into the habit of reading to his friends from his collected works; everybody liked him at that time, not suspecting that he was to become an author. When this group went overseas, Earl was sent to Dayton as an instructor, and in December of 1917 he was sent to Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, with Pop Cleveland to battle with the students. I consider Earl and Pop early aviation martyrs. There was an amusing war on, and they had to stay behind instructing. It was all very sad, and often somewhat annoying. In April, 1918, for example, when Earl should have been flying safely against the Germans, a pupil casually spun him into the ground and a nearby hospital. But he grew together again in time to assist in the inauguration of the country's first air mail service, the Army operation between New York and Washington in May, 1918. He was the fellow who bought a package of Mail Pouch tobacco so they could get a picture of a mail bag to paint on the old Curtiss R's. This service to aviation never has been noticed or adequately rewarded. Some time when Jim Farley, one of my favorite comic characters, is thinking of "helping" the Air Mail again he might give Earl a medal.



Earle Southee, who sails on the breeze with the greatest of ease

After service at Chanute Field and Rockwell Field, Earl left the Army early in 1919, went barnstorming, went back to college, worked for three years with Aetna Casualty and Surety Co. in a special engineering insurance department, was New York representative for Kendall Oil Co., and then went with Curtiss-Wright, a sort of aerial Sargasso Sea where hundreds of old pilots finally drifted, floating sluggishly round and round until they sunk or were made manager of Valley Stream. Earl was Regional Sales Manager for the Southeast, where in 1929 he was bombarded by hundreds of ferry pilots bringing him more and more Robins and Fledgelings and Cessnas, which were being built by the hundreds, for at that time Prosperity was considered to be a permanent thing, like taxes and corns on the little toe. At the stroke of the gong ushering in the Depression Earl quit selling and conducted mechanics' schools at Boston and Valley Stream. And now he has moved back to gliding and soaring, as General Manager of the Soaring Society of America. He lives in Box 222, Elmira, New York, which strikes me as the acme of compressibility.



● EACH YEAR my dear friend, C. G. Grey, Editor of *The Aeroplane*, London, sends me a copy of Jane's "All The World's Aircraft," compiled and edited by Mr. Grey and Leonard Bridgman, working in cahoots, as it were. I have an idea that Leonard does most of the compiling, which is arduous work, while C. G. G. does the more ponderous but less tiring work of editing. All *The World's Aircraft* is an amazing book, an encyclopaedia, no less, of all the airplanes and engines in the world. The 1933 edition contains authoritative material about 625 different planes made in 21 different countries, and 322 engines made in 10 countries; together with the aeronautical progress in every country, from Abyssinia to Yugo-Slavia, from Albania to Uruguay. It is aviation's most interesting and informative book.

The amount of work required to collect and compile all of this information is simply staggering to the feeble imagination of one who like myself, hates work in any form. And I am so moved to admiration for the stamina and endurance of anyone who can accomplish such a herculean task, that I am glad to do a little log-rolling for that excellent work and to advise you that it may be purchased through the Book Department of *AERO DIGEST*. It is the most valuable reference work in aviation, and I strongly recommend it not only as a reliable compendium but also as something heavy enough to prop open a door



Leonard Bridgman

with, or to throw at a meowing cat with telling effect. On one occasion I threw it at my wife, but she snapped right back at me with the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* in 24 volumes, and the friendly encounter ended in a draw, more or less. However, Jane's comes in only one compact volume, while the *Britannica* comes in two dozen. At first glance this discrepancy might seem to have given the good frau a telling advantage, but I may say that with all 24 volumes she landed only once, with Volume 13, while I clipped the target with one volley and my one volume of Jane's. It was all in a spirit of good clean matrimonial fun.

Writing to Leonard Bridgman recently, I suggested that he favor me with a biographical sketch, that I might advise the six listless readers of this department how a real literary laborer got that way. "I was born," he writes, "within the sound of Bow Bells and passed my first eighteen years in blissful ignorance of



Water color sketch by Bridgman

what I should be learning to fit myself for—the clarion call which brought even Siam and Uruguay in on our side." (He's referring to the war 1914-'18, in case you don't know.) "What a mess it all was! I joined the Honorable Artillery Company (which incidentally has a branch in Boston, Mass.) as an infantryman in 1915; and to this, the oldest regiment in the British Army, I owe my knowledge of the Lewis gun, the mechanism of the beer engine in the Sergeants' Mess at the Tower of London,

how to roll puttees, dodge military policemen, dine at the Savoy on a Corporal's pay, shoot straight, and grumble. In 1918 I was gazetted to a commission in the R. A. F. and sent to Farnborough where I drilled the troops, conducted drafts, attended court martials, signed thousands of forms, and in other words did my bit toward defeating the dastardly Hun.

"After three months at Farnborough I was posted to an anti-submarine squadron on the East Coast and lived the life of a country gentleman, shootin', fishin', and occasionally flyin'. Officially I was a technical officer, the infantry having left me unfit to pass the medico as fit for flying; but I had a lot of back-seat flying in such machines as DH 4's, 9's, and 9a's, Blackburn Kangaroos, 0/400's, although I was never officially graded an observer. Flying over the North Sea out of sight of land on 2-hour patrols with nothing to do except wonder which of the flying wires will break first, how long a DH 9 would float without air bags, why the bloody tail doesn't come off and be done with it instead of just vibrating into a meaningless blur, and why the devil I joined the Air Force—all helped to convince me of the uselessness of war except for those who are fortunate enough to make capital out of it."

On demobilization in April, 1919, Leonard Bridgman joined the staff of *The Aeroplane* as an artist, and gradually worked up to the exalted position of Deputy Editor of what has been considered one of the most individualistic aeronautical journals in the world. For fifteen years he labored with Mr. Grey on that excellent publication, doing amazingly good work which we chaps on other aviation magazines around the world always have greatly appreciated. Last April, when *The Aeroplane* was purchased by Temple Press, Ltd., a millionaire concern which publishes a group of motoring papers, Leonard Bridgman resigned from *The Aeroplane*. Fifteen years is a long sentence and we all tend to get fed up with whatever we are doing.

However, at the present moment my old friend Leonard Bridgman has leaped out of the accursed and binding editorial harness and is determined to free-lance and take a vacation, giving his talents as an artist a fling. On this page I reproduce one of his swell drawings, a Nieuport Scout of No. 29 Squadron, R.F.C., which he very kindly sent to me. If any American pilots would like drawings or water-colors or oil paintings of some of the war-time types they flew, they may get excellent ones from Bridgman, whose address is 20 Tufnell Park Road, London, N. 7, England. He possesses the rare skill to put on paper or canvas an airplane without horns or frills, and makes you believe that it actually is flying.

# THE INDUSTRY IN GENERAL

## April Exports Total \$1,318,391

FURTHER GAINS in export business, both in volume and value, were recorded in April by the American aeronautical manufacturers. A total of \$1,318,391 was realized from the sale of 23 planes and 88 engines, together with a sizeable amount of parts and accessories.

The Republic of Colombia in South America was the purchaser of the largest amount of American equipment during the month when she spent \$345,113 for 11 planes, 1 engine and parts and accessories. Germany, as in the past few months, was again one of our best customers. Forty-six engines, valued at \$245,167 and \$16,405 worth of equipment brought her total purchases to \$261,572. China again took her place with the leading importers of our products by spending \$221,619.

Colombia spent the greatest amount for aircraft, \$293,642; Germany for engines, \$245,167; Peru for parachutes, \$1,580, and Russia for parts and equipment, \$96,089. Russia's total purchases equaled \$246,545.

The 23 planes represented a total value of \$544,036. The 88 engines were worth \$477,257 and the sale of accessories, parts, etc., came to \$297,098.

## Porterfield Introduces New Plane

A NEW-TYPE, two-place cabin monoplane, engineered and produced by E. E. Porterfield, Jr., has been announced by Porterfield Aircraft Corp., 1328 Locust St., Kansas City, Mo. Powered by a 60-horsepower LeBlond engine, the plane incorporates many new features.

This announcement heralds the return to the industry of Porterfield, formerly head of the American Eagle Aircraft Corp., who for some time has been working on this new job. The plane offers maximum visibility and passenger and pilot comfort; it is equipped with dual controls and a sturdy air-wheeled landing gear, combined with a gliding angle which permits landings in small fields and restricted areas.

Much thought has been given to cabin entrances as evidenced by the wide

doors, and appointments include the latest in instruments and finishings.

One of the first small and low-priced airplanes introduced to the industry was an American Eagle. At that time, Porterfield was actively connected with the American Eagle Aircraft Company.

## AIR RACES TO BE HELD IN CLEVELAND

THE 1934 National Air Races will be held at the Municipal Airport in Cleveland from August 31 to September 3. Clifford and Philip Henderson will be in charge of the event which will be held over a period of four days following the success of a similar plan at Los Angeles last year.

## New Cabin Plane Marketed

THE KINNER Airplane and Motor Corporation, Ltd., Glendale, California, recently introduced a new 4-place externally wire braced low-wing cabin monoplane, powered by a 300 h.p. Kinner engine. Featuring high top speed and low landing speed the new plane has a service ceiling of more than 17,000 feet and climbs, fully loaded at sea level, 1100 feet per minute.

Provision is made for a pilot and three passengers, 190 pounds of baggage, 85 gallons of gasoline, which gives more than four hours of cruising, and six gallons of oil. Equipped with flaps, the plane lands at 46 miles an hour and cruises at 150 m.p.h. Top speed is 165 m.p.h.

Standard equipment includes a Hamilton-Standard metal propeller, electric generator, N. A. C. A. cowl, Eclipse electric starter, safety glass, Westport radio receiving set and 8.50 X 10 semi-balloon tires. Ball bearing controls are used throughout and a complete set of standard flight instruments are also provided.

According to Robert Porter, president, the plane is bonded for radio and the engine is provided with special radio shielded magnetos and spark plugs and is otherwise shielded.

## 204 Planes, 612 Engines Produced

WHILE THE production of commercial aircraft engines continued to absorb most of the increased manufacturing activity of the aeronautical industry, fewer aircraft, both commercial and military, were responsible for a decrease in general aeronautic manufacture in the first three months of this year.

Production of commercial engines for the first quarter of 1934 showed a marked improvement over the same quarter of the preceding year, according to the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, and the number of units produced in this period more than equaled the production of the first five months of 1933. All told, 487 engines were produced for the commercial market and 125 for the air services. The total value of all engines produced during the period being considered was \$3,388,125, of which \$2,493,465 was for commercial engines and \$894,660 for military engines. The former is an increase of 143.4 per cent over 1933 figures; the latter a decrease of almost 10 per cent.

Commercial airplanes showed a drop in units manufactured, but the value of those that were produced exceeded that of the same quarter of 1933. Eighty commercial and 124 military planes were built, compared to 93 and 149 units respectively, in 1933. The total value of all units produced was \$2,776,986 divided into \$2,190,335 for military and \$586,651 for commercial aircraft. The latter is 29.5 per cent greater than in the previous year.

Sales of both aircraft and engines, military and commercial, the Aeronautical Chamber reports, showed an increase of approximately 5 per cent over the first quarter of 1933 when the total reached \$6,130,155. Aircraft sold included 92 commercial and 124 military jobs; engines sold included 465 commercial and 125 military.

In addition, the Chamber reported the sale of \$685,296 worth of airplane spare parts and \$777,659 worth of engine spare parts. Also, 11 sets of floats were manufactured and 12 delivered.

## Waco Sales Increase

WITH THE plant operating at capacity and employment near a new high, Clayton J. Brukner, president of Waco Aircraft Co., Troy, Ohio, reported a steady rise in business.

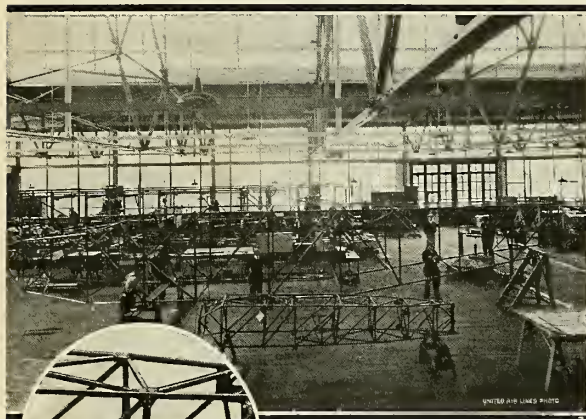
During the first four months of this year, more than 100 planes were sold and indications point to the possibility of selling more than 150 planes before the end of the first six months, Brukner said.

Foreign sales have expanded so that they now form a substantial part of Waco's business, and during May, 13 planes were sold for export purposes.



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For, the New 225 h.p. Beechcraft makes an easy landing at a safe 45 m.p.h. The landing gear, which is retracted in flight, decelerates the gliding speed of the plane when lowered into landing position. Specially designed wing flaps increase the lift and are a further aid to bringing the Beechcraft down at a slow speed, under perfect control.

The cabin of the Beechcraft is designed for big people—people with long legs and broad shoulders. There is also a large compartment for luggage. Appointments are conveniently placed and are rich in design. Insulated walls muffle the sound of the motor and permit conversation in easy tones.

So, the next time you hear the 225 h.p. Beechcraft compared with racing planes, remember the reference applies only to its high speeds.

The BEECH AIRCRAFT COMPANY  
WICHITA, KANSAS

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### Alaska Inspector Appointed

DESIGNATION OF Murray Hall, Department of Commerce aeronautical inspector to devote his full time to Alaskan aviation activities and to be permanently stationed at Juneau, Alaska, was announced by Director of Aeronautics, Eugene L. Vidal.

Inspector Hall will handle all aeronautical matters in the Territory. Heretofore, an inspector has gone to Alaska once each year to handle licensing, inspection and other duties, but activities have reached the point where the full-time attention of an inspector is needed. Mr.

Hall has been engaged in inspection work with the Branch since 1929. First appointed a field inspector in the Detroit district, he has since served in the Atlanta, Chicago and New York districts.

### Date for Elimination Race Set

THE National Balloon Race of 1934 will be held at Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala., on July 28. Winners of first, second and third place will constitute the American team which will compete in the Gordon Bennett International Race which starts from Poland, September 20. This year the event will take place after dark with the first contestant leaving the field at 9:30.

### Whirlwind Approved for 440 H.P. Rating

THE NINE-CYLINDER Wright Whirlwind, designated technically as the R-975-E, received a rating of 440 h.p. at 2200 r.p.m. at sea level, from the Department of Commerce recently upon the successful completion of a 50-hour endurance test. It holds other ratings at 330 h.p., 365 h.p. and 420 h.p.

Although the 440 h.p. job is now being offered for commercial use for the first time, this engine has been operated in military service during the past two years. It has a compression ratio of 6:1; blower ratio of 10.15:1 and uses Octane 87 fuel.

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## Digest of Recent Events

### Jean Batten Sets New Flight Record

A NEW record for women was made by the New Zealand aviatrix, Jean Batten, who flew from England to Australia in 15 days 23 hours 25 minutes to better the mark made by Amy Johnson Molinson by about four and a half days. The 24-year-old flier used a five-year-old Moth for the 16,000-mile flight. The absolute record for the flight is held by C. T. P. Ulm, who with three companions flew the distance in 6 days 16 hours 45 minutes. MAY 23.

### Codos and Rossi Span Ocean Again

ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLY short of their goal, Paul Codos and Maurice Rossi successfully flew from Paris to Floyd Bennett Field, New York's municipal airport in their Hispano-Suiza-powered *Joseph Le Brix*. Excessive vibration caused them to halt their plans for an attempt to set a new long-distance, non-stop flight scheduled to terminate at San Francisco. MAY 28.

### "Maxim Gorky" Flies With 40 Passengers

THE *Maxim Gorky*, largest plane ever built in Soviet Russia, successfully made its maiden flight over Moscow carrying 40 passengers. Eight engines, developing a total of 7,000 horsepower, drive the ship along at a cruising speed of 135 miles an hour. Two motors are mounted above the cabin and there are three on each side of the wing. The wing itself has a 200-foot span. JUNE 17.

### DuPont Sets World's Distance Record in Glider

A NON-STOP flight of 155 miles brought the world's distance record for motorless flight to Richard duPont and his Bow-lus-du Pont sailplane. duPont flew from Elmira, N. Y., where the annual soaring meet was in progress, to the Somerset, N. J., airport, a distance 19 miles further than the old record held by the late Guenther Groenhoff of Germany. At times, duPont had to attain an altitude of 3,000 feet to clear the mountains. JUNE 25.

### French Flier Exceeds World's Land Plane Speed

RAYMOND DELMOTTE, French flier, established what is claimed to be a new world's speed record for a 100-kilometer course, flying 268.06 miles an hour from Villesauvage to La Marmagne in 13 minutes 54 seconds. Delmotte held the record a year ago, but Jimmie Wedell did 266.08 miles an hour to set a new standard for the course which measures about 62 miles. MAY 24.

### Distance-Endurance Contest

Distance and Endurance Contest for 100,000-franc grand prize and 5,000-franc cup. Sponsored by The Aero Club of the West of France in conjunction with the Aero Club of France, Angers, France. JULY 8.

### Soaring Meet

Fifth Annual National Soaring Contest, Elmira, N. Y. JUNE 23-JULY 8.

### Turner Sets Another Airplane Speed Mark

ROSCOE TURNER landed at the Chicago Municipal Airport after flying from Pittsburgh, 400 miles away in 1 hour 43 minutes or at an average of 228 miles an hour. Turner was flying the P. & W.-powered specially built racing plane which already has made a considerable number of point-to-point records. Most of the flight was made at 5000 feet or higher, Turner said. MAY 26.

### King's Cup Race

Start of King's Cup Race, Hatfield, England. JULY 13

### Speed Races

Grand Prix of the Aero Club of France. Speed races between Deauville and Cannes and return for cash prizes and Armand Esders Trophy Cup. JULY 21-23.

### Rhoen Soaring Contest

Fifteenth Rhoen Soaring Contest, Wasserkuppe, Rhoen, Ger-

## Coming Events

many. Sponsored by Deutsche Luftsport Verband. Total prizes, \$20,000. JULY 22-AUG. 5.

### Elimination Race

NATIONAL Balloon Race of 1934. Elimination event to pick team to represent United States in Gordon Bennett Balloon Races. Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala. JULY 28.

### Air Tour

Third Air Tour Around Italy. AUG. 1-15.

### Women's Air Meet

Women's National Air Meet, Dayton Municipal Airport, Dayton, Ohio. AUG. 4-5.

### Polish Tour

International Touring Challenge of the Polish Aero Club. AUG. 28-SEPT. 16

### National Air Races

1934 National Air Races, sponsored by National Air Races of

Cleveland, Inc., and under the management of Clifford and Philip Henderson, 103 Terminal Tower Bldg., Cleveland. To be held at Cleveland Municipal Airport. AUG. 31-SEPT. 3.

### Gliding Contest

Gliding and Soaring Contest, Big Meadows, Shenandoah National Park. SEPT. 15-30.

### Bennett Balloon Races

Gordon Bennett Balloon Race. Auspices of Polish Club, Poland. SEPT. 20.

### State Officials' Meeting

FOURTH ANNUAL Meeting. National Association of State Aviation Officials, Cheyenne, Wyo. SEPT. 27-29.

### MacRobertson Race

London-Melbourne International Air Race. Speed and handicap event. Under regulations of F.A.I. and competition rules of Royal Aero Club. Sponsored by Sir MacPherson Robertson. OCT. 20.

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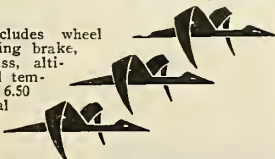
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Write for complete details of the new DeLuxe Model 90 priced at \$3485. Three other models: Standard Model 90—\$2885; Model 125—\$4485; Model D-145—\$5600.

**EQUIPMENT**—Standard equipment includes wheel pants, tunnel cowling, wing flaps, parking brake, steel propeller, clock, magnetic compass, altimeter, airspeed indicator, tachometer, oil temperature indicator, oil pressure gauge, 6.50 x 10 semi-air wheels and brakes, dual controls, fire extinguisher, log books, tools, first-aid kit, and wiring for navigation lights.



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#### Security National Moves

TAKING A lease on the principal runway and four hangars, Security National Aircraft Co., moved from Downey, Calif., to the Metropolitan Airport in Van Nuys where it will have additional production facilities. Several low-wing Security Airster sport monoplanes are now under construction, having been ordered for delivery by dealers throughout the west, according to William B. Kinner, president.

#### Ten More Vultees Ordered

AMERICAN AIRLINES, Inc., has placed an additional order for ten Vultee transport planes with the Airplane Devel-

opment Corp., Glendale, Calif., bringing the total number of planes ordered for its use from the company to 22.

The Vultee, which attained a top speed of 241 miles an hour in recent tests, carries 8 passengers and 2 pilots.

#### New Company Incorporated

ARTICLES OF incorporation have been filed by the Pfafflin Aviation Service, Inc., La Crosse, Wis., with a capital stock of \$10,000. The company, authorized to wholesale and retail aircraft and supplies, and to render aviation service, was formed by Raymond V. Edward and Oscar Pfafflin.



### MR. CUTTER OF ALBUQUERQUE

*...is more than satisfied—*

YOU naturally would expect us to praise our own product. But when owners voluntarily write letters telling about their satisfaction . . . well, it carries a little more weight. Mr. Cutter, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, for instance, was so enthusiastic about the new Fairchild Cabin that he persuaded our West Coast representative to let him buy the demonstrator which was being ferried to California. Here's how Mr. Cutter feels about it now:

"The new Fairchild Cabin certainly creates plenty of favorable comment from everybody who sees it. I had occasion to make my first cross-country trip last week with two passengers, when I went to El Paso. The airline distance is 240 miles . . . and has always taken me from 2½ to 2¾ hours in different

type cabin ships. The Fairchild made it in two hours flat, each way.

"The passenger in the back seat was a big man, yet he said he was very comfortable . . . even with the extra luggage. I also had occasion to make two trips out of a field at an altitude of 6,200 feet with some lumber men. Both of these men weighed over 200 lbs. With full tanks of gas, the Fairchild got off much quicker than ships of much more horsepower. The gas consumption has been averaging just exactly eight gallons per hour."

We really can add very little to Mr. Cutter's statements . . . except to tell you that the construction quality of this plane is just as superior as its performance and economy. Won't you write for the folder which tells the whole story?



#### Radio Beacon Perfection Sought

A COMPREHENSIVE effort, both practical and theoretical, aimed to increase the efficiency and reliability of radio range beacons by eliminating multiple or split courses that have developed as a radio phenomenon in mountainous country, has been inaugurated by the Aeronautics Branch, according to Rex Martin, Assistant Director of Aeronautics in charge of air navigation. Multiple courses, additional "on course" signals received at points where "off course" signals should be heard, are not evident in level country.

Mr. Martin declared that multiple courses constitute what appears to be the last problem in perfecting the radio range beacons which have been operated by the Department of Commerce for years.

The practical phase of the investigation will center around a specially radio-equipped airplane and L. C. Elliott and D. M. Stewart, who will conduct flight research on the multiple course problem.

The theoretical side involves the seeking of advice of presidents of colleges and universities throughout the United States. Already 71 such executives have been requested by Mr. Martin for their cooperation in the project.

#### Kinner Plans Increased Production

KINNER AIRPLANE & Motor Corp., Glendale, Calif., had unfilled orders on hand amounting to \$140,000 early in May, of which \$90,000 was for engines and \$50,000 for new planes. Two ships a week were being completed, and it was expected that the output would be raised to three or four per week in the near future, according to Robert Porter, president. The unfilled orders at that time exceeded the total amount of business done in the entire previous year when \$126,000 was realized from sales.

According to L. Porter, director of sales, four more planes were recently sold, one each going to Mayor A. F. Rountree of Lake City, Fla.; Joseph W. Harper, Hollywood, Calif.; Richard du Pont, Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Carmelita Parma, Beverly Hills, Calif.

#### Public Library Opens Air Exhibit

A HISTORICAL exhibition of books, prints and photographs, tracing the development of aeronautics from the untested theories of the Renaissance to modern aerial photographs is now open in the main exhibition rooms of the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street. The prints are from the collection of Mrs. Bella C. Landauer, while the books are from the library's files, supplemented by rare items from the collections of Mrs. Landauer, William A. M. Burden and Philip Hofer. The exhibition is open until October 15, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on weekdays and from 1 to 5 p. m. on Sundays.

### **Gregor Designs New 2-Place Job**

MICHAEL GREGOR, designer of Bird and other airplanes, has resigned as executive engineer of the Seversky Aircraft Corp., to enter the aircraft manufacturing business for himself. He plans to produce a small, two-place sport and training ship to sell for about \$1,000.

According to recent tests made with a 90 h.p. engine, the plane has a top speed of about 110 m.p.h., cruising speed of about 90 m.p.h., a landing speed of about 40 m.p.h. and climbs, with full load, 1,100 feet per minute. The ship, the first of which was satisfactorily tested by many leading pilots, has a gasoline capacity of 40 gallons and with gasoline consumption at the rate of 5.5 gals. per hour, a cruising range of more than 600 miles is obtainable.

### **Airworthiness Revision Date Postponed**

THE REVISED Airworthiness Requirements for Aircraft (Aeronautics Bulletin No. 7-A) will become effective August 1, 1934, instead of July 1, Eugene L. Vidal, Director of Aeronautics, announced. Aeronautics Bulletin No. 26, "Design Information for Aircraft," a new bulletin presenting material supplementary to the requirements, also will be published under date of August 1.

Postponement of the effective date was necessary to allow time for making additional revisions, some of which were suggested at the recent conference of the Aeronautics Branch with aircraft manufacturers in Washington.

### **Beechcraft Dealers Appointed**

A COMPLETE line of new Beechcraft airplanes manufactured by the Beech Aircraft Co., Wichita, Kansas, is now being displayed at Hangar No. 9, Roosevelt Field, Mineola, N. Y., by W. D. Ward and G. J. Pearson, who recently were appointed authorized agents for the aircraft company in New York City, Long Island, Westchester County and Fairfield County, Conn.

### **Experts Plan Legal Changes**

A NUMBER of suggested changes in two proposed international aeronautical conventions have been decided upon by the United States members of the International Committee of Air Law experts. An effort to have these changes accepted by the full committee will be made before the conventions are adopted in final form.

One of the proposed conventions deals with the international air carrier's liability for damages resulting from collision between two aircraft. The second concerns the obligation of rendering assistance to persons on board an aircraft in distress, and makes provision for indemnity to the rescuing aircraft or vessel.

The American members of the committee are: John C. Cooper, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.; Stephen D. Latchford, Treaty

Division, Department of State; Fred D. Fagg, Jr., Director of the Air Law Institute, Northwestern University, and Richard S. Paulett, Chief, Enforcement Section, Aeronautics Branch, Department of Commerce.

### **COLLIER TROPHY AWARDED FOR PROPELLER WORK**

THE COLLIER TROPHY, awarded annually for the greatest achievement in aviation in America, the value of which has been demonstrated in actual use during the year, was, for 1933, presented to the Hamilton Standard Propeller Co., E. Hartford, Conn. Frank Walker Caldwell, chief engineer of the company to whom particular credit is due because of the development of the controllable pitch propeller, for which the award was made, received the trophy from President Roosevelt.

### **Foreigners Buy U. S. Ships for Race**

FAITH IN the performance and stamina of American aircraft is evidenced in the receipt of orders from foreign fliers intending to compete for the rich prizes offered in the MacRobertson race. Thus far four definite orders have been received and it is expected more will follow from abroad before the race gets under way from London on October 20.

James C. Fitzmaurice, the Irish trans-Atlantic flier, is to pilot a new-type Bellanca. It will be a low-wing, high-speed, long-range job entirely unlike anything yet produced in the Bellanca plant in New Castle, Del.

Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith has ordered a Wasp-powered Lockheed Altair equipped with a Hamilton Standard controllable pitch propeller and K. L. M., the Royal Dutch Airline, will fly one of the new Douglas DC-2 transports. Setting a precedent, the company plans to sell tickets to passengers who wish to fly in the plane during the race.

Marcel DeTroyat, French stunt flier, has purchased a Lockheed Orion, but intends to power it with a Hispano-Suiza engine. It is also understood that Capt. Oswald Baldi, Italian pilot, will power his Caproni *Sauro* with an engine manufactured in this country.

### **30 Planes in Oklahoma Air Tour**

THE 1400-mile Oklahoma State Air Tour, leaving Oklahoma City, got under way June 12, led by Burrell Tibbs, flight manager, and closely followed by Moss Patterson, president of the Oklahoma City Aviation Club, and some thirty planes toward Shawnee, the first port of call.

A definite schedule of arrival and departure to and from the 33 airports visited on the five-day tour was adhered to despite the extreme heat and sand encountered.

### **Complete Waco Line Ready**

WACO AIRCRAFT for 1934 include faster and roomier models which retain all of Waco's fundamental features. The complete line consists of three ships, a new super-sport, high-speed, two-place called the Model D; a three-place, high-performing sport and training model, the F3, and the improved Waco Cabin job known as the Model C. Each is designed, built and approved for use as a seaplane.

The Cabin plane is equipped with either the Continental R670-A engine of 210 h.p., Jacobs 225 engine of 225 h.p., or the Wright Whirlwind 250 h.p. The F3 can be powered either with the Jacobs or Continental engines. It features a new instrument panel, improved feather-touch break system, roomier fuselage, new wing root fairings and an ANCA cowl as standard equipment.

The new Model D has a high speed of about 200 miles an hour. It features as standard equipment landing lights, flares, radio receiving set, coupe top, dual set of complete instruments and many deluxe appointments both on the exterior and interior of the plane. It is powered by either a Wright Whirlwind 250, 330 or 420 h.p. engine or a Pratt & Whitney 320 or 400 h.p. engine.

### **United Aircraft Stocks Listed**

THE STOCKS of the three companies that will be formed through the proposed break-up of United Aircraft & Transport Corp., have been admitted to unlisted trading on the New York Curb Exchange, and will be traded on a when-issued basis. They include voting trust certificates for 1,043,766 shares of \$5 par value stock of United Air Lines Transport Corp.; 521,883 shares of Boeing Airplane Company \$5 par value capital stock and 2,087,532 shares of United Aircraft Corp., \$5 par value stock.

United Aircraft Corp. will include the eastern manufacturing units as subsidiaries; Boeing Airplane Co., the western manufacturing units, and United Air Lines Transport Corp., the airline group.

### **Date for Bids on Small Planes Extended**

AT THE request of interested aircraft manufacturers, the Department of Commerce has extended the date for the opening of bids for 25 small, inexpensive two-seated airplanes from July 25 to August 27.

The requests for extension were made because in some instances manufacturers plan to make models and conduct thorough wind tunnel tests, and in other cases because the engineering staffs of other manufacturing companies are exceedingly busy at this time.

On May 26, bids were called for the 25 planes which will be used by the inspectors of the Aeronautics Branch in connection with their work in the field.

### *New-Type Airway Planned*

A NEW type of airway installation has been designed to increase the efficiency of the government intermediate landing fields and radio aids to air navigation on the Federal airways system, according to Eugene L. Vidal, Director of Aeronautics.

The system calls for the establishment of adequate and completely equipped intermediate fields at 50-mile intervals connected by beacon lights in a direct line. The fields will have miniature radio beacons and two-way radio stations; they will be boundary lighted, have rotating beacon lights with green characteristics, and suitable runways.

While practically all intermediate fields are lighted at night, many are small, others are off the airways' base lines and none has, as standard equipment, the radio contemplated for installation.

Three airways, now under construction and embodying the new changes, are the Mississippi Valley route, between St. Louis and New Orleans; the Northern route between St. Paul-Minneapolis and Seattle, and the airway between St. Louis and Tulsa. However, the sites for the new installations have not yet been selected.

If the new system proves effective it will be applied to new airways that may hereafter be established. It also may later replace the equipment now in use.

Rex Martin, Assistant Director of Aeronautics in charge of air navigation, and under whose direction the new system will be installed, explained that at each 50-mile field there will be a miniature radio range beacon with effective directional beams up to at least 25 miles in four directions and that there would be no change in the spacing of the large airway beacon lights which now are at 15-mile intervals.

### *Electra Faster Without Fillets*

COORDINATION OF wing and fuselage design rendered unnecessary on the Lockheed Electra the addition of wing root fillets when wind-tunnel tests of the Electra model originally showed the plane to be actually faster without them.

To check in actual flights the results of the wind-tunnel tests, fillets were placed on the plane during speed trials. Later they were removed and the transport gained 2 miles an hour. Confirming the wind-tunnel tests, flight tests further showed maneuverability and controllability remaining substantially the same with and without fillets, while stability was improved slightly with the fillets removed. Elimination of fillets not only improved performance, but saved cost and about 32 pounds in weight.

The first Electra transport already is flying over the Northwest Airlines route. It was flown from the factory in Burbank

to St. Paul in 9 hours 46 minutes, averaging 195 miles an hour for the 1900-mile trip. With a payload of 2200 pounds and a gross weight of 9600 pounds, the Electra has a top speed of 221 miles per hour, cruising speed of 203 miles an hour and a landing speed of 60 miles an hour. It has a cruising range of 850 miles, a ceiling of 20,000 feet on both motors and will fly and maneuver with full load on one motor at 6000 feet.

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### **AERO BRANCH NOW CALLED BUREAU OF AIR COMMERCE**

THE NAME of the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce was changed to Bureau of Air Commerce and the office of the Director of Aeronautics is now known as Director of Air Commerce.

The name "Bureau of Air Commerce" more accurately describes the duties and functions of this organization. The change was desirable to prevent confusion between commercial aeronautics as typified by "air commerce" and the aeronautical activities of other government branches.

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### *277 Violations in Six Months*

DURING THE last half of 1933 there were 277 flights in which the Air Commerce Regulations were violated and in 104 of these flights accidents occurred, according to the Aeronautics Branch, Department of Commerce.

In all, 383 violations occurred during the flights in question. These were divided into: acrobatics, 102; low flying, 64; licensed aircraft flown by unlicensed pilots, 34; flying without position lights, 23; dual controls connected during passenger flights, 20; numbers not properly assigned, 16, and miscellaneous 124. The miscellaneous violations involved conduct contrary to public safety, flying unlicensed planes in interstate commerce, traffic violations at airports, students violating terms of permits, non-commercial pilots carrying passengers for hire and overloading.

There were also 37 non-flight violations which included infractions not immediately connected with flights such as failure to submit reports required by the regulations and altering licenses.

### *Feld Succeeds Webb in New York*

THE NEW YORK State Aviation Commission at a recent meeting elected Senator A. Spencer Feld of New York City to succeed the late Senator J. Griswold Webb as chairman. Assemblyman James J. Wadsworth, Jr., was elected vice-chairman.

A sub-committee, appointed by Sen. Feld to organize the work for the year, consists of John Dwight Sullivan, Col. George A. Vaughn, Assemblyman Howard W. Dickey, Mr. Wadsworth and Senator Feld himself.

### *Approved Type Certificates Awarded*

THE DEPARTMENT of Commerce has awarded approved type certificates to two aircraft, one engine, one glider and three propellers as follows:

Waco Aircraft Co., Troy, Ohio. Model UKC, four-place closed land or sea biplane, powered by a Continental R670-A engine rated 210 h.p. and equipped with Edo P3300 floats. Weights: (landplane) empty 1745, useful load 1105, gross 2850; (seaplane) empty 2131, useful load 1119, gross 3250. A. T. C. No. 528.

Waco Aircraft Co., model YKC, four-place closed land biplane powered by Jacobs L4, 225 h.p. engine. Weights: empty 1837, useful load 1013, gross 2850. A. T. C. No. 533.

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp., E. Hartford, Conn. Model Wasp Junior-SB, 9 cylinder, radial, air-cooled; rated 400 h.p., at 2200 r.p.m. at 5000 feet. Octane 80. A. T. C. No. 123.

Bowlus-Dupont Sailplane Co., San Fernando, Calif., model 1-S-2100, one-place closed land monoplane, secondary soaring. Weights: empty 365, useful load 190, gross 555. A. T. C. No. 4.

Eclipse Aviation Corp., E. Orange, N. J. Model M2999 Hub; 2 blades. Rated 250 h.p. at 2100 r.p.m. Automatic pitch, steel, special blade shank. S. A. E. No. 20 engine shaft. Weight, 69 pounds. A. T. C. No. 456.

Hartzall Industries, Inc., Piqua, Ohio. Model 669F, 8 ft. 1 in. diameter, 2 blades; rated 225 h.p. at 2000 r.p.m., 5 ft. 9 in. pitch. Laminated birch with brass tipping. Weight (without hub) 30 pounds. A. T. C. No. 458.

Bennett Aircraft Co., Morgantown, N. C. Model Samson CB100, 5 ft. 8 in. diameter, 2 blades; rated 36 h.p. at 2400 r.p.m., 2 ft. 3 in. pitch. Laminated black walnut and white maple with copper tipping. Weight (without hub) 12 pounds. A. T. C. No. 459.

### *Shell Buys Stinson Plane*

PERSONNEL OF the aviation department of the Shell Petroleum Corp., St. Louis, Mo., will use a new Stinson *Reliant* in their airport and airline solicitation work, according to James H. Doolittle, manager of the company's aviation division.

The plane, recently delivered and painted in the standard Shell colors of red and yellow, is the executive model. It has been equipped with a Lear radio set and with additional gasoline tankage to increase its cruising range.

### *McReynolds Joins Menasco Motors*

A. S. MENASCO, president of the Menasco Manufacturing Co., Los Angeles, Calif., has announced the appointment of Charles F. McReynolds, aviation writer and reporter, to take charge of advertising and public relations for the company which builds Pirate and Buccaneer in-line aircraft engines.

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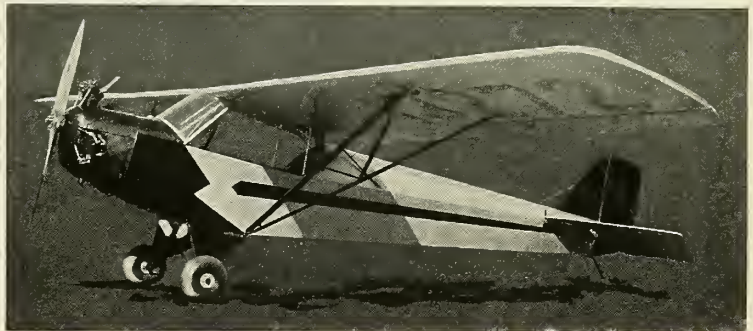
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## LORD HIGH EXECUTIONERS

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able safety in weather which air mail pilots negotiate as a matter of course with at least a reasonable degree of safety and certainty, has been demonstrated conclusively. The Army pilots have not been adequately trained, there is no doubt about that. But here again the fault is not Foulois' alone, as the Committee would have us think. A Chief of Air Corps' life is a mixture of "can do" and "can't do." He cannot, for example, make bricks without straw, make experienced pilots without sufficient airplanes, engines, and gasoline; nor can he force Congress to vote the money required to provide the Air Corps with the strength this year which it should have had even in 1931; nor can he successfully combat the General Staff and an aeronautically ignorant pack of politicians. General William Mitchell tried to do something like that, and they retired him to a horse farm.

Our Army Air Corps is undermanned, under-trained, and inadequately equipped; not because General Foulois desired it, or was too incompetent to do anything about it, but because he was not given the means to order matters otherwise. But here again I wish to make it plain that I am not trying to exonerate General Foulois of all blame. Even with the means at his command, I feel that he should have seen to it that Air Corps pilots at least kept pace with commercial aviation's development of instrument and night flying. After all, there is no guarantee that an enemy flying force will attack us on sunny days only; and if we are attacked on the west coast, and half of our Air Corps is on the east coast, it is poor defense to have a force that can fly across the continent only in perfect weather. In short, our Air Corps training has not kept pace with the training and experience of our airline pilots; and if there was an insufficient appropriation of funds to insure that training, then the Chief of Air Corps should have brought that fact to the General Staff's attention. Probably he has done so, in which event the blame for the Army's failure to carry the mails must be shared by the General Staff and by the Congresses which have failed to appropriate necessary funds during the past few years.

In this connection it should be recalled that the Morrow Board in its study of aviation in 1925 recommended the Five-Year plan, which Congress approved the following year, providing that by 1931 the Navy would have 1,000 active planes, the Army 1,800. Today the Navy has 1,000 planes, the Army less than 1,200 planes. It would cost \$120,000,000 to bring the Air Corps up to the strength that it should have possessed even in

1931—since which time its strength should have increased considerably more. But it is grossly unfair to blame General Foulois because Congress did not appropriate the money to provide the increase in equipment which the Congress of 1926 voted.

However, it is in the second outstanding part of the report, having to do with the procurement of planes by negotiation rather than by competitive bidding, that the gross injustice of this committee of Headsmen is most glaring and obvious. The report said "The evidence discloses deliberate, wilful and intentional violations of the law by the Chief of the Air Corps aided and abetted by his assistants in charge of procurement".

Herein, I am convinced, the Lord High Executioners have over-reached themselves in their eagerness to provide a victim. For whatever may be said about the negotiating system, General Foulois certainly did not inaugurate it; and so far as I can interpret the English language, that system was given legal sanction by the Air Corps Act of July 2, 1926. Paragraph (k) of Section 1 of that Act reads as follows: (Italics are my own) "The Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy *may at his discretion purchase abroad or in the United States with or without competition, by contract, or otherwise, such designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, or aeronautical accessories as may be necessary in his judgment for experimental purposes in the development of aircraft or aircraft parts or aeronautical accessories of the best kind for the Army or the Navy, as the case may be, and if as a result of such procurement, new and suitable designs considered to be the best kind for the Army or the Navy are developed, he may enter into contract, subject to the requirements of paragraph (j) of this section, for the procurement in quantity of such aircraft, aircraft parts, or aeronautical accessories without regard to the provisions of paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, hereof.*"

(Paragraph (j) limits procurement to American manufacturers, except for experimental purposes; and paragraphs (a) to (e) relate to experimental procurement.)

Bereft of its legal verbiage, I read that Paragraph of the Air Corps Act relating to the Air Corps as follows: "The Secretary of War may purchase in the United States *with or without competition, by contract or otherwise, such aircraft and parts as may be necessary in his judgment for experimental purposes in the Army. Then if from these purchases new and suitable designs considered the best for the Army are developed, he may enter into contract for the procurement in quantity of these aircraft.*"

The Chief of the Air Corps, by authority of the Secretary of War, purchased

planes by this method, by negotiating with manufacturers for them, *as by law he was clearly authorized to do.* Now our precious Committee of Hangmen declares that his doing so "discloses deliberate, wilful and intentional violations of the law." If it does, then the world is turned upside down, and my old grandmother is a member of the General Staff.

You may recall Bert Williams' old song about the Darktown Poker Club that held a session at which one of the members was thought to have cheated. Razors and revolvers were drawn just as the lights went out; and when they were turned on again one of the players was discovered to be extinct. The question immediately arose, "Who would take the rap?" As someone thoughtfully pointed out, when the police arrived they would be sure to ask, "How come this brother ain't alive?" It was urged on Bert that he should admit the deed, as it would be a remarkable opportunity for him to gain a lot of notoriety and get his name in the papers. Bert agreed that it would be a wonderful opportunity for someone—"Somebody else—not me!" I imagine that General Foulois feels pretty much the same way about this attempt to pin him down as the goat. He should tell them, "It's a wonderful publicity opportunity for someone—General MacArthur, for instance. Oh, it's a splendid opportunity for somebody! Somebody else—not me!"

## ANTI-FRICTION BEARINGS

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at high speed. In instruments operating on the gyroscopic principle, small and accurately-constructed ball bearings are needed to support the rotor which may revolve as high as 20,000 r.p.m. Other equally small bearings are needed in the gimbal supports of the gyroscope. Such bearings must be very smooth-turning if accurate results are to be obtained from the instrument. Many of the bearings for such applications are of the full type (without a retainer) and the balls rotate directly on the hardened and ground shaft or pin. A typical bearing of this construction is shown in figure 9. The balls in this instance are guided between the hardened and ground side plates rigidly attached to the outer ring. Endwise location of the unit is accomplished through contact between the end of the pin and a hardened ball seated in the adjusting screw.

In an article of this length, it is impossible to cover all of the many new and unusual bearing designs developed in the past few years for aircraft application. It is hoped, however, that some of the types disclosed herein will be of interest and possible help to designers in the solution of some of their bearing problems.

## AIR—HOT AND OTHERWISE

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ience of indefinite length, which would be cancellable for cause shown.

Complete divorcement, after the end of this calendar year is demanded of air mail contract holding companies from companies interested in any other phase of the aviation industry, except the operation of airports. This provision is entirely too sweeping, is not based on any proven abuses that would justify such condemnation, would tend to interfere with the development of special planes and engines for particular services, will create serious financing conditions for air mail contract holding companies and will cause serious losses to thousands of stockholders.

Section 7(d) of the bill is an attempt to evade the provisions of the Constitution prohibiting the passage of a bill of attainder. It has reference, obviously, to the annulment of the former air mail contracts on February 9, 1934, without a hearing. It will tend to disqualify some of the most competent operators in the business, because companies will hesitate to file the affidavit which states the mere conclusion that a particular person has not entered into a combination to prevent a bid. The section is oppressive, as tending to eliminate from employment a group of individuals by putting pressure to bear on the corporate entities, who might otherwise employ them, to refrain from employing them so as to avoid the possibility of a prosecution.

The limitation of the salary of any person to \$17,500 a year, as provided by the bill, is unusual. The permission granted to the old companies whose contracts were annulled, to bid for new contracts is evidently intended to limit or destroy claims based on the five-year disqualification penalty of Section 3950. But the old companies cannot bid without complying with the many other burdensome provisions in this new bill.

These are typical of the one-sided stipulations which appear frequently throughout the 21 provisions of the bill. And quite aside from its unfairness to the operators, it is dangerous because it makes absolutely no reference to any policy of including the air transport system as a part of our National defense!

## HANGAR CONSTRUCTION

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frame hangar, high strength concrete designed in accordance with the water cement ratio is utilized. Additional structural advantage can be attained through light aggregates, such as Haydite.

The rigid frame hangar has considerably less height for an equivalent span than other types, a consideration on airports.

Recently, two structural steel hangars were blown down by hurricane winds

when the steel and composite hangars did not have sufficient lateral strength to resist the forces of nature.

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When there is a parity of cost between the rigid frame and the conventional, permanent type of hangar, there is little com-

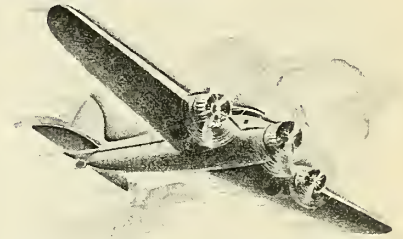
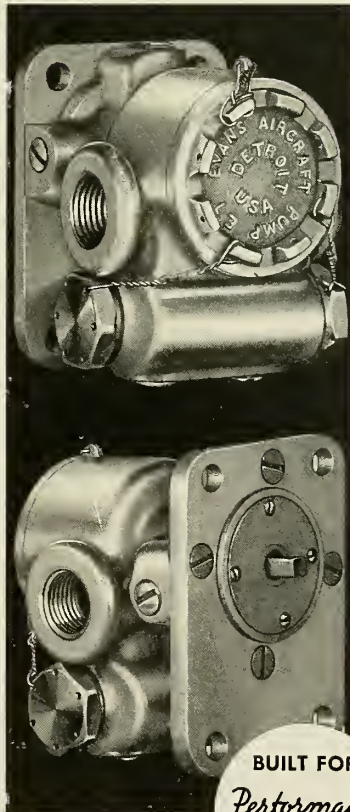
parison between the two structures. Even where there might be a greater first cost in the rigid frame concrete hangar, there are still many tremendous savings, such as freedom from maintenance and painting, lower insurance rates, etc.

It is not intended herein to be critical in any way of present and previous practices in hangar design and construction. It is believed, however, that it is time for structural engineers to develop the hangar to a point comparable with the airplane and other types of buildings.

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# FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

## Australasia

DURING THE last six months passenger traffic over the Qantas, Ltd., route has averaged more than 20 per cent over the figures reported for 1931, 1932 and 1933 and figures for the 1930 peak periods are being approximated. Despite the use of 8-passenger planes, freight is being handicapped because space is required for passengers, and consignments for outlying parts of the route have been turned away almost weekly during the past few months.

Mail is also showing a steady advance, there having been an increased poundage approximating 10 per cent per annum in each yearly period for the past 11 years.

C. E. BARNES, Halston, Warwick, Australia, has received the Qantas Trophy for 1933 for his 17,360 miles of flying in the year during which he experienced no accidents or serious delays. The trophy is to encourage private aviation as distinct from commercial flying and is awarded for excellence in that particular field.

EARLY LAST month a series of meteorological flights began simultaneously at Adelaide, Hay, Bourke, Charleville, Cloncurry, Daly Waters, Hobart and Sydney. At each station a daily flight is made to 10,000 feet and weather conditions and air temperatures noted at each 1000-foot interval. It is hoped that the flights will provide greater knowledge of upper air conditions and offer valuable information on inverted temperatures.

GOLD FIELDS in the New Guinea district are served by four airlines including The Guinea Airways, Ltd., Holden's Air Transport Service, W. R. Carpenter & Co., and Pacific Aerial Transport, Ltd. Between them, the companies own and operate 21 ships to the gold

district 35 miles from Salamaua. An additional service was provided by the establishment of a direct line between Lae and Port Moresby, Papua, where steamers are met and mail and other special cargo taken off and given fast transportation to the interior.

AIR MAIL contracts awarded in Australia have gone to Qantas Empire Airways Ltd., between Singapore, Darwin and Brisbane; to C. A. Butler, between Charleville and Cootamundra; to Tasmanian Aerial Services, Ltd., between Melbourne, Launceston and Hobart, and to MacRobertson Miller Aviation Co., for the Perth to Catherine route. The De Havilland planes used on all the routes comprise DH 86's, Dragons and Fox Moths.

SIR CHARLES Kingsford-Smith completed his sixth crossing of the Tasman Sea in the *Southern Cross* when he flew from Ninety Mile Beach (N. Z.) to Mascot, Sydney in 13 hours 25 minutes, a new record between New Zealand and Australia. However, C. T. P. Ulm and a crew carried the first mail from Australia to New Zealand in 11 hours 58 minutes a short while later.

AN AERONAUTICAL institution known as the Hargrave Institute has been formed in Sydney. Its platform includes the establishment of an Australian aviation museum, a library, research bureau and the appointment of an authority for the supervision of aviation records in the Commonwealth.

AN AERIAL and geological survey of North Australia will be undertaken by the government and will cover all of northwest Queensland, the Northern Territory and the north of Western Australia. At least three years will be taken to complete the task.

REFUSAL OF the New Zealand government to finance an entry in the Mac-

Robertson air race has caused local business men to form a company to which they are contributing £7,500 to cover the cost of a plane and flight expenses.

MISR AIRWORK is now operating a Cairo-Port Said airline on a tri-weekly schedule, present operations being on an experimental basis. However, if sufficient support is received to warrant it, the line will be continued throughout the year as a regular operation.

## Canada

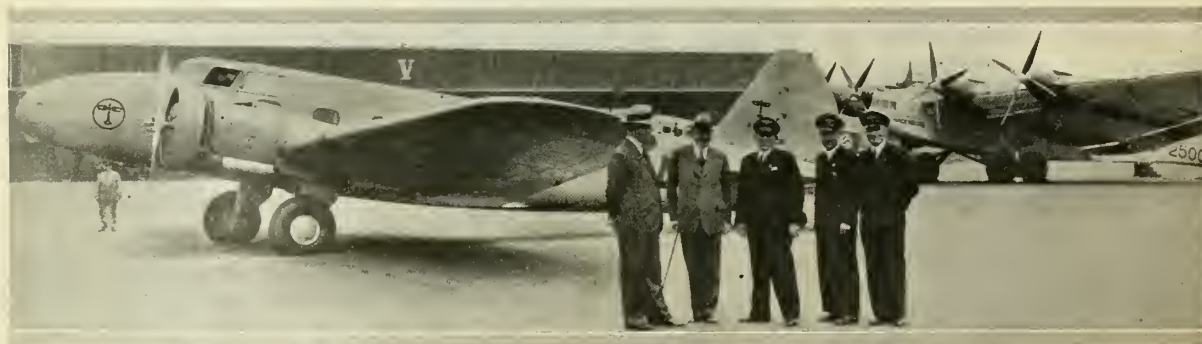
A FLIGHT of four Hawker *Fury* Interceptor fighters piloted by officers of the Royal Air Force will demonstrate at Toronto during the forthcoming centennial celebrations in that city.

CAPREOL & AUSTIN, Ltd., has been appointed distributor for Waco and Fleet aircraft in Ontario and Quebec. The company is operating a seaplane base in Toronto Harbor and is flying cabin Wacos for charter and ambulance work.

AIR TRAVEL on the Vancouver-Victoria division of Canadian Airways, Ltd., has increased to such an extent that it was necessary on many occasions to fly second sections. The bi-weekly service to Bridge River is also taxing the resources of the company since mining companies are rushing in men and material to facilitate early production of their properties.

AIRCRAFT CHARTER Service Ltd., has been formed in Vancouver, B. C., to provide a specialized aerial charter service. The company plans to have available a number of aircraft each suited for a particular kind of flying and will inaugurate its service with a fleet of modern aircraft ranging in size from one to five places of the land and seaplane type.

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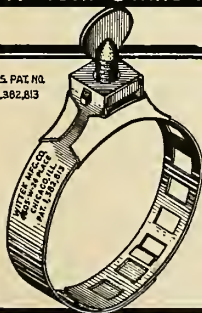
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## France

AIR FRANCE, the consolidated air transport company, operated more than 14 services during the latter part of 1933, not including the trans-Atlantic air mail service. In December alone, the company's planes flew 448,182 miles and carried 2,459 passengers, 251,510 pounds of express and 43,779 pounds of mail.

THE DEUTSCHE de la Meurthe Cup Race, held at Etampes, was won by Maurice Arnoux, who flew a Caudron plane over the 2000 kilometer course (about 1250 miles) in 5 hours 8 minutes 31 seconds, averaging 241 m.p.h. for the trip. The flight was made in two 1000-kilometer stages, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon of the same day. The field consisted of eight starters, one of which was an English entry flown by Lieut. Compter. The other planes entered were two Potez and four Caudron. France now has won the race twice in succession.

## Germany

A JOINT airline service between Berlin and Warsaw was scheduled to get under way recently. Polish Air Transportation Company (Lot) and the Deutsche Luft Hansa are to provide daily flights in both directions with provisions made for connections to other points in Continental Europe.

SINGLE-ENGINED planes are to be withdrawn from passenger airlines and will be replaced by multi-engined equipment. For the rest of the year the single-engined aircraft will fly mail and express, but by 1935, they are expected to be retired from service. Experiments are now being made with high-speed equipment in an effort to raise the general average speed of Deutsche Luft Hansa schedules.

THE FIFTEENTH Rhoen Soaring Contest is to be held at the Wasserkuppe, Rhoen, from July 22 to August 5. The contest is national in character, limited to 100 ships, under F. A. I. regulations and sponsored by the Deutsche Luftsport Verband. Prize money totals \$20,000 with \$4,600 being disbursed each day to the winners in each of the 12 events listed.

## Great Britain

THE SHORT *Scylla*, newest passenger plane in the cross-Channel services of Imperial Airways made its maiden flight over the London-Paris route recently as her sister ship, the *Syrinx*, neared completion. The planes represent the latest step in providing maximum passenger comfort over Imperial Airways' routes. They are powered by four *Jupiter* engines, each of 550 h.p. and weigh 32,000 pounds fully loaded. Two

main saloons of dimensions larger than railway pullman cars, feature the interior of the planes.

AS WAS the case last year, the 1934 Kings Cup Race, to be held July 13 and 14, will consist of a series of flights, each running in heats starting and finishing at Hatfield Airdrome, with the entire distance to be flown coming to about 800 miles. A number of high-speed planes have already been entered.

THE LATEST Siddeley air-cooled aircraft engine is the new *Tiger* Mark IV, a fourteen-cylinder engine designed for military general purpose and medium sized torpedo carrying planes and for flying boats and larger types of commercial aircraft. It develops its rated output of 700 h.p. at 5,000 feet. Together with an electric starter, it weighs 1,199 pounds, giving one horsepower for each 1.7 pounds of weight. Its overall diameter is about 51 inches and its length 61.5 inches.

FINLAND HAS purchased a number of Bristol *Bulldog* Mark IV single-seater fighters from the Bristol Aeroplane Co., Ltd. for its air force. These planes will be powered by the new-type Bristol *Mercury* engine and are expected to have a top speed, with full load, of more than 200 miles an hour.

## Mexico

AIRLINE EXPANSION in Mexico has been rapid in the past few weeks with a number of new services already in operation and concessions to operate others already granted.

The Mexican City-Nuevo Laredo line has been reopened after being dormant since 1928 and semi-weekly service between Mexico City and Tapachula and between Mexico City and Los Angeles has been established. An application for permission to operate an airline between Mexico City and Tijuana with stops at 10 large cities en route is now pending. Cia Expreso Aereos Mexicanos is the applicant.

REGULAR PASSENGER and express service between Morelia and Hue-tamo has been established by Compania de Transportes Aereos, S. A., an organization formed by business men in the state of Michoacan in which the line flies. At a later date, it is planned to extend service to Tacambaro, Patzcuaro, Uruapan and Zamora, all also in the state of Michoacan.

FRANCISCO J. SARABIA, and his co-pilot Lieut. Alberto Cortes intend to take off shortly on their projected Mexico-Spain flight. A special field has been built near Merida, Yucatan from which

the plane is expected to start. This plane, constructed with funds provided by officials and private organizations and designed by Dr. Michael Watter, technical editor of *AERO DIGEST*, has a speed of about 170 miles an hour. The pilots hope to cross the Atlantic after flying via Miami and Bermuda and land in Spain 50 hours after the take-off.

## Norway

THE NORSK Aero Club's gold medal was awarded to Commander Riiser-Larsen and Commander Lutzow-Holm for their meritorious flights in the arctic and antarctic regions. The club, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in May, at one time numbered the late Roald Amundsen and Leif Dietrichson among its members.

AN AIRLINE between Oslo and Amsterdam in cooperation with K. L. M. is planned by Fred Olsen & Co., of Oslo. Under a temporary arrangement, flights will be made with land equipment once daily in each direction while another line will extend from Oslo to Bergen. Commander Riiser-Larsen has been appointed manager of the airline.

## South America

AN AIR mail contract between the Argentine government and the Condor Syndicate is understood to provide for the carriage of mail and express between Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Europe. The company will fly mail into Rio de Janeiro where it will connect with the aerial service carrying mail to Europe.

SERVICES OF Compania Aeropostal Venezolana have been extended westward to Maracaibo and San Antonio, the latter point being near the Colombian border and the junction point between the Venezuelan and Colombian railway systems. Weekly services over this extension are provided.

A NEW local service in Argentina, flown by La Compania Argentina de Transportes Aereos, got under way between Rosario and Victoria, a distance of about 40 miles. The company is operating four radio-equipped planes and is maintaining a 25-minute schedule between the two cities. By using this service and taking a train, travel time to Buenos Aires is reduced to 5 hours.

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• CATALOG No. 94, containing 72 pages and showing the complete 1934 line of South Bend Lathes, attachments and tools, has just been published by the Technical Service Dept., South Bend Lathe Works, South Bend, Ind.

This most-complete catalog illustrates, describes and prices 96 sizes and types of lathes from small bench lathes up to the heavy 18-inch lathes, and 36-inch large swing lathes. There are several sizes of lathes adaptable for general machining work in aircraft servicing, development and manufacturing.

All lathes shown are of the back-gear, screw-cutting type. These are available in a complete range of sizes, in various motor drives, and in counter-shaft drive models. The catalog shows for the first time the new South Bend Underneath Belt Motor Driven Lathe, which features greater power, quietness, safety and convenience of operation.

Copies of this catalog are available without charge.

## NACA Reports

• THE FOLLOWING Technical Notes, Technical Memorandums, and Aircraft Circulars have been listed by the Office of Aeronautical Intelligence of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Washington, D. C.

Technical Notes: T. N. 495; Effect of the Surface Condition of a Wing on the Aerodynamic Characteristics of an Airplane. By S. J. DeFrance. T. N. 496; A Preliminary Motor-Picture Study of Combustion in a Compression-Ignition Engine. By E. C. Buckley and C. D. Waldron.

Circulars: A. C. 189; D. H. 86 "Express Air Liner" (British). A Four-Engine Biplane. From *Flight*, February 22, 1934.

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## Floors and Their Care

• AS AN authority on floors and their care, the Stonhard Company, Philadelphia, Pa., has just published "Over the Rough Spots," which outlines practical

treatments to preserve floors and methods to repair and resurface floors that have become rutted, broken or unevenly worn.

Floors are given exceptionally hard usage and there are many things about them and their care that are not generally known. There are known safeguards that can be easily applied. These are described and illustrated in this new booklet, as are means for repairing worn, broken floors; practical treatments for newly laid concrete floors; methods of bonding floors and walls and for waterproofing floors and methods for making floors acid and waterproof.

## Sky Advertising

• AN EIGHT-PAGE brochure published by the Sky Ads Division of the Kellett Autogiro Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.,

and New York, N. Y., provides an insight to the coverage and possibilities available through the use of sky banners towed by autogiros.

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• CURTISS-WRIGHT Export Corp., N. Y., has just issued a 24-page booklet on the Condor BT-32 Bomber which is just as interesting as it is informative.

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## THE ECONOMICS OF AIR MAIL TRANSPORTATION

By Paul T. David

• A HISTORY of air mail transportation and a chronological report of a study made by the author. It is complete and informative and mostly timely, for it takes the reader right down to the present day, including such facts as the cancellation of the air mail contracts and the Congressional legislative reforms proposed before the new bill was passed.

Complete regulation of air mail transportation by the Interstate Commerce Commission, to become effective at the earliest possible date, with a quick return of the mail to private carriers, are two major recommendations contained therein.

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The study is concluded with a series of recommendations designed to bring about efficient, economical administration of the system and offers a program for the future. Legislation, it holds, should not bar the former operators; should provide divorcement of operators from manufacturing or affiliate transport associates, and should bar the award of more than one of two or more competing or parallel routes to the same carrier. Contracts, it continues, should be awarded for a relatively short period with opportunity pre-

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• AS USUAL, the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce has published a most complete volume concerning aeronautical activities in its Aircraft Year Book for 1934. Although it is quite as large, as full of as much information as heretofore and just as profusely illustrated, the price of the book has been dropped to \$3 a copy. The 1934 Year Book is the sixteenth volume in the series.

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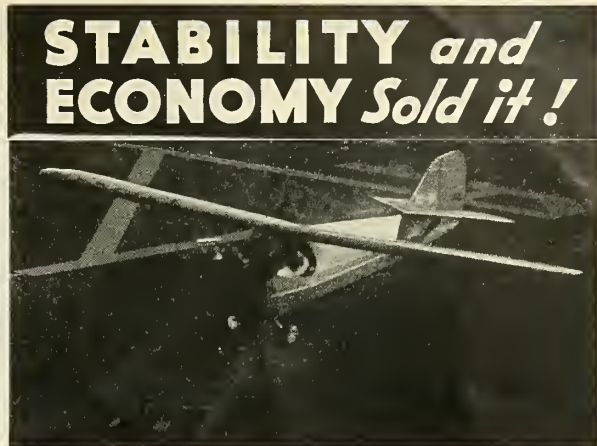
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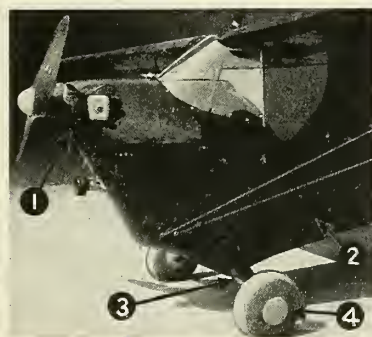
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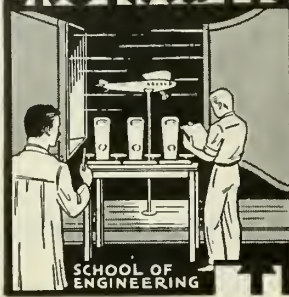
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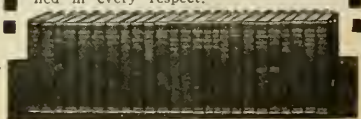
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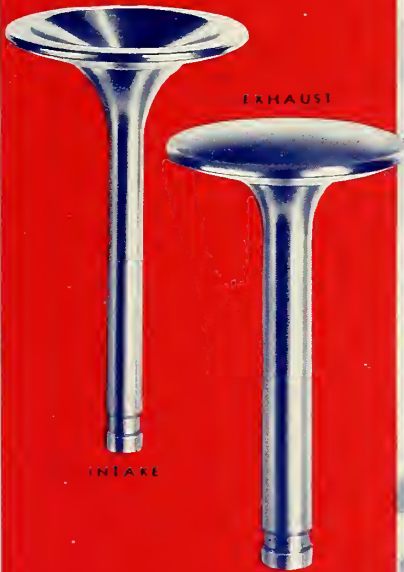
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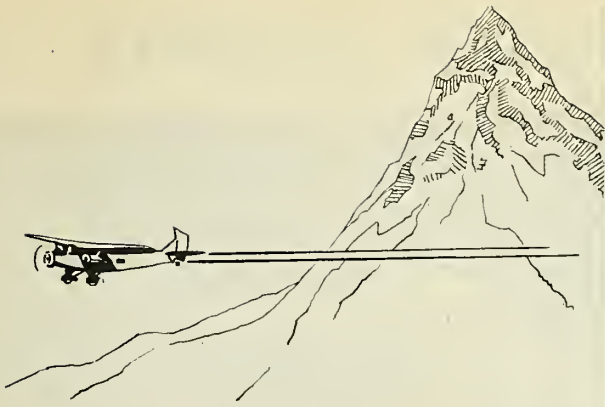
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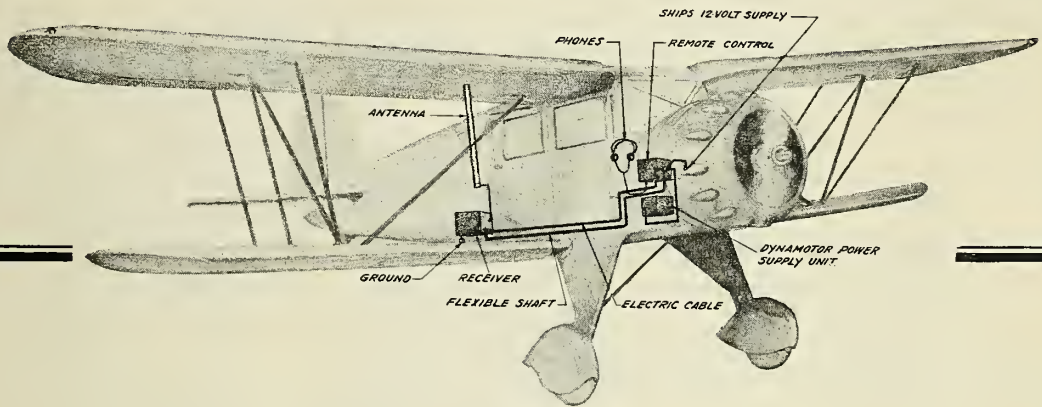
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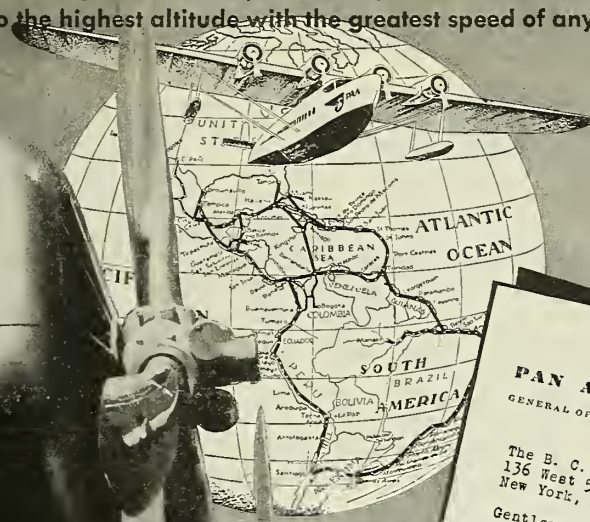
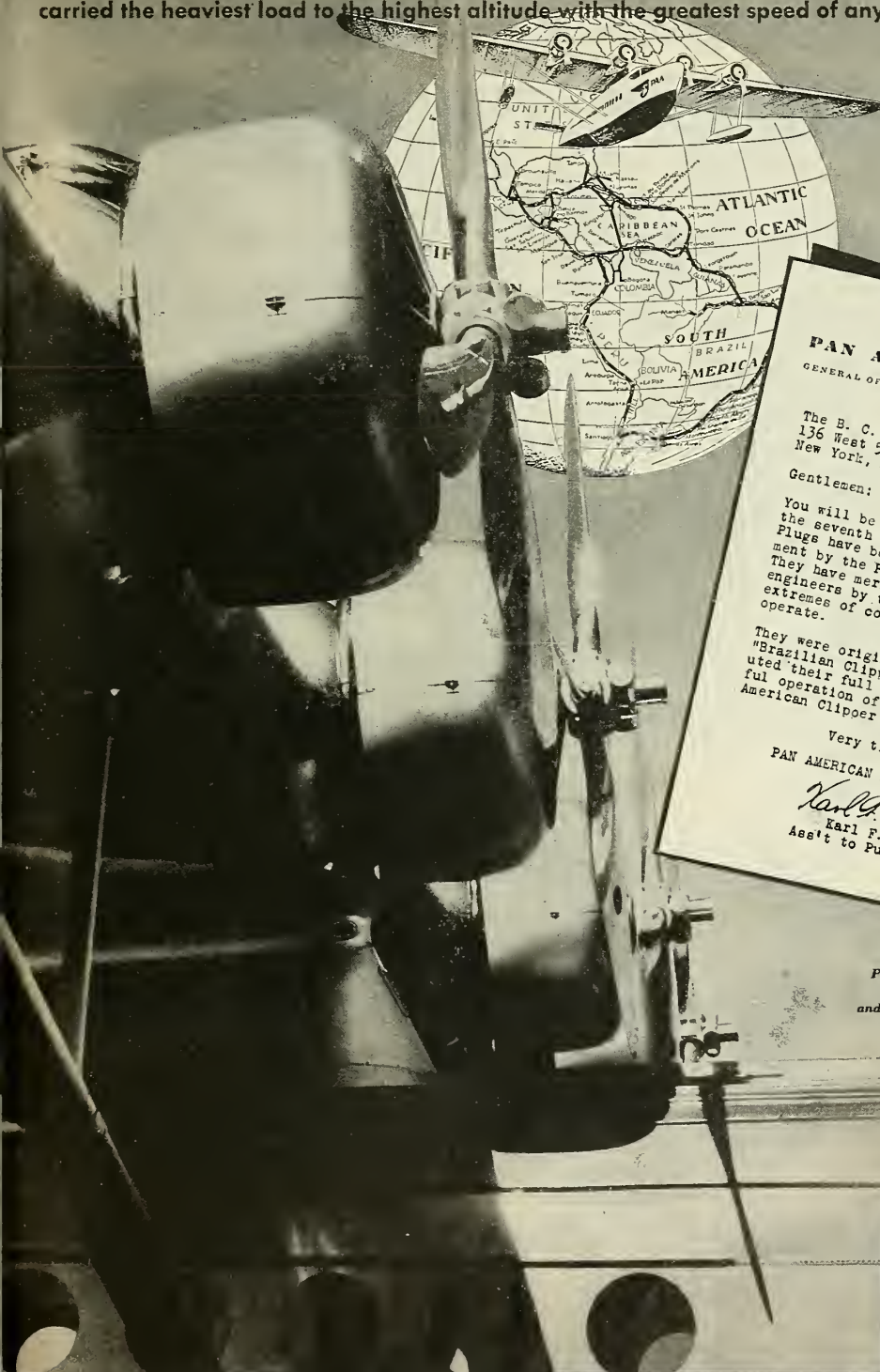
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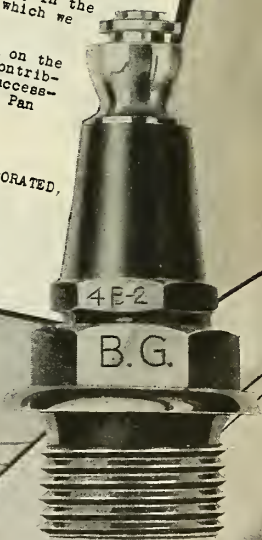
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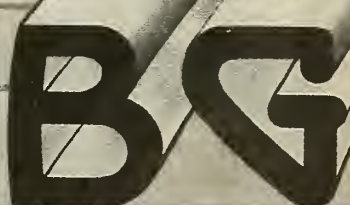
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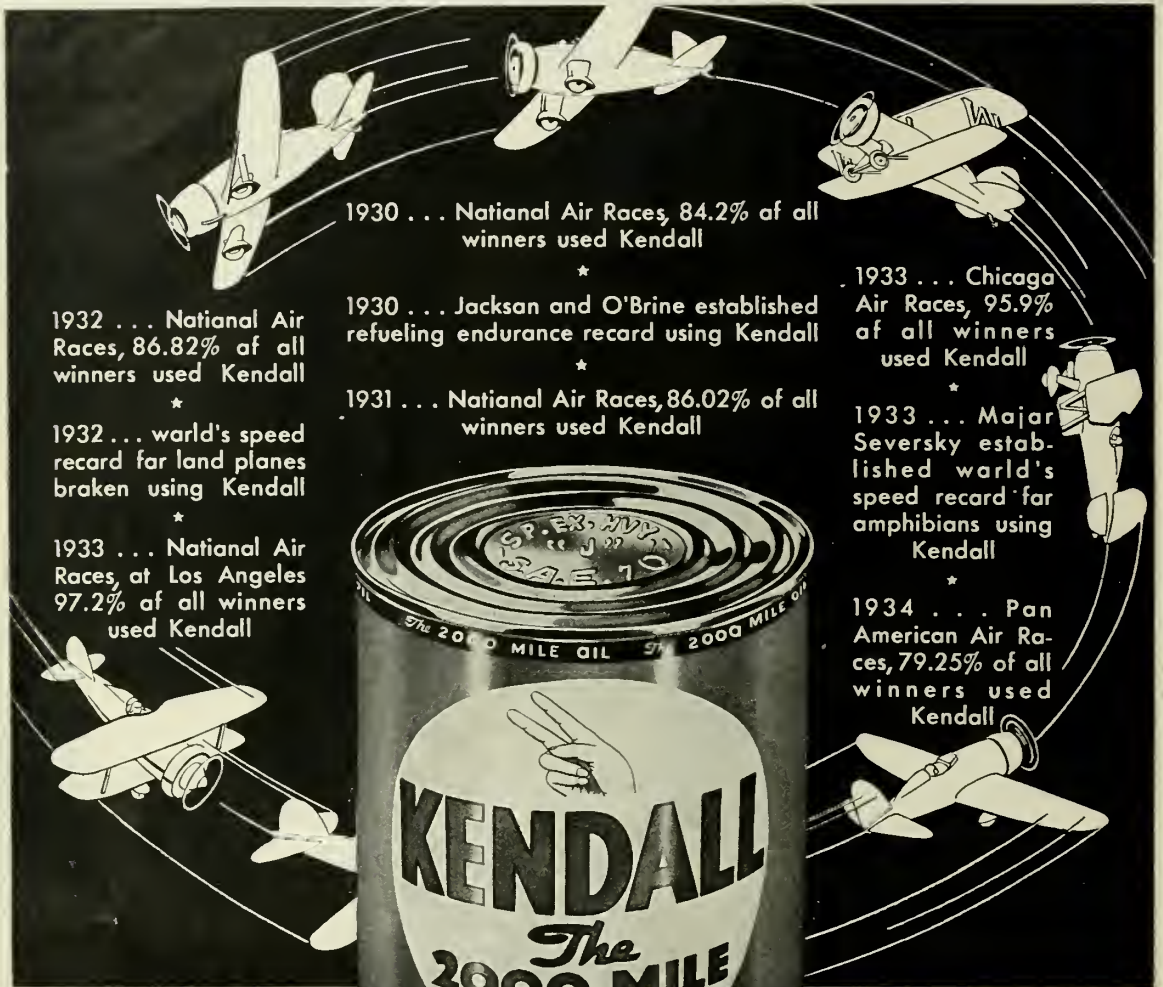
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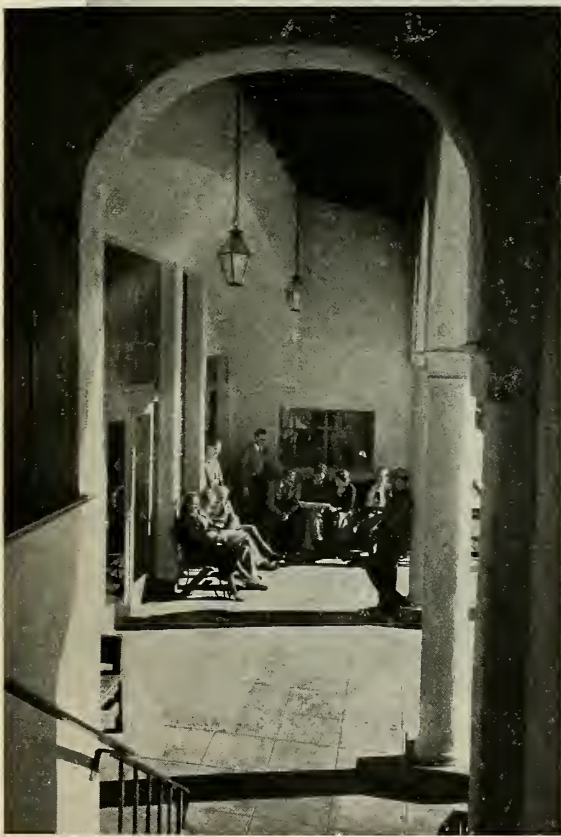
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## Hot and Otherwise

FRANK A. TICHENOR

● The set-up of the new Federal Aviation Commission is a paradox. The factor calculated to make it possible for the Commission to render a constructive, unbiased report is the very one which also lays it wide open to the feints and blows of selfish interests. Three of the five members of the Commission know little or nothing about aviation. The remaining two have been active in aeronautics long enough to have acquired prejudices.

Apparently, the President made his appointments deliberately to get just such a "balance of power." That fact is revealed by the story that is told of how Clark Howell was called to the phone at his home in Atlanta a little over a month ago. He heard the President's voice on the other end of the wire.

"I am leaving tonight; I've called to tell you good-bye and ask you to do something for me," said the President.

"I'll do anything I can," Howell replied.

"I want you to act as chairman of this aviation commission I am appointing today."

"What I don't know about aviation would fill a book," said Howell.

"I know that. That's why I want you to act. I want this problem solved from a business as well as from an expert standpoint."

### A Well Balanced Board

Although there's no record of what the President said to Albert J. Berres and Franklin K. Lane, Jr., their appointment would indicate that he also wanted the problem considered from labor and legal standpoints. Thus, on the face of the thing, he has a well balanced board to study aviation's woes, wherefores and whithers. In the endoderm of the thing, however, there are the germs which breed and nourish parasites. Because these men come to their job with little knowledge of aviation, they necessarily also come to it with little understanding of the possible ulterior motives behind the suggestions they will likely receive from some quarters.

There's no use beating around the bush—men are men, in aviation as in any other field—hence some men in aviation are selfish. Those men, and the interests

they represent, must not be allowed to sway the recommendations of the Commission at the sacrifice of the development of the air industry as a whole.

Since the War, there have been eleven previous Federal investigations of aviation of one sort or another, and not one of them has entirely escaped the influence of prejudiced and/or predatory interests. In a few cases that influence was of minor importance. In the others, it was definitely detrimental to the industry. Despite such set-backs, however, aviation has marched steadily ahead. And it will continue to do so, no matter how this present Commission does its work.

Just the same, this board has it in its power to quicken the pace or to retard it, depending upon the wisdom of its judgments. The wisdom of those judgments in turn depends upon their freedom from animus and prejudice, and to a great degree, that becomes the responsibility of the so-called experts on the Commission. The non-experts have been placed in a spot where they must rely greatly on the counsel and advice of Hunsaker, Warner and Colonel Cone, who is serving as executive secretary. It is to them that the layman members must look for help in identifying and appraising the sincerity of the various groups, factions and interests in aviation. If, through preconceived notions or previous conditions of servitude, these three men give the other three a miscue, then the blame for any resulting flaws in the Commission's recommendations will be theirs.

Therefore, these experts must, right in the beginning, perform one of the most difficult feats of self-discipline that man is ever called upon to perform. They must free themselves of any and all lurking personal ambitions. They must plumb to the depths of their subconscious minds and ask themselves, "What is it that I, as a man active in aviation, really have been expecting to get out of aviation? What positions, political or private, do I aspire to hold in aviation? What returns have I been expecting for the investment of my years of activity in aviation? These are the things which it is my patriotic duty to prevent at all costs from swaying me

as long as I am one of the members of the Federal Aviation Commission."

If the experts will honestly analyze themselves in this way—and actually do it, not merely make the gesture of doing it—then this Commission has a chance to make brilliant aviation history, yes even brilliant American history. If they fail, it will be because they were not big enough men to rise to the occasion, and those ambitions which they could not quiet will return to haunt them. For the aviation industry realizes they occupy key positions, and the aviation industry will know with whom the failure lies.

### Dealing From a New Deck

Here at the outset, AERO DIGEST—and we feel confident this goes also for almost the entire industry—is willing to give them every benefit of the doubt. We are willing to assume that this deal is from a new deck, that there are no marked cards, and that there will be no dealing from under the deck. If we expect these men to free their minds of prejudices, we must do the same. The task before the Commission is a tremendous one—and an important one. It cannot be taken lightly, either by the Commission or by the industry. It behooves everyone who has the interest of aviation at heart to cooperate in this work with the same disinterested and objective spirit that he expects of the Commission itself. And let those who seek selfish ends take heed—to the degree that they attain their selfish ends, to just that same degree will they jeopardize the growth of aviation. If they damage aviation, they damage themselves in the long run, irrespective of what temporary gains they may make. For no one in aviation can prosper for long unless the whole of aviation prospers.

And so we say to the Federal Aviation Commission—"Happy landings and good luck. All of aviation is watching to see what kind of pilots you prove to be. All aviation is keeping a critical eye on your navigation. For, in the final analysis, all aviation is a passenger aboard your ship, depending on you to stick to the course, find the way through the soup and land safely at our common destination—a greater aeronautic industry!"

# Improvements on the Federal Airways

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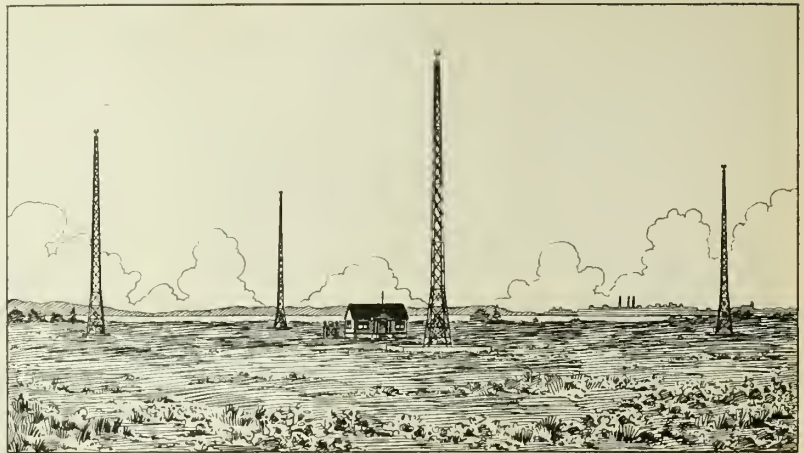
● By means of radio and teletypewriter, the pilot flying a radio-equipped airplane along one of the Federal airways is in closer contact with people on the ground than is the driver of an automobile speeding along a highway.

On nearly 20,000 miles of air routes the beacon lights, intermediate landing fields, radio communication stations, radio range beacons, radio marker beacons and teletypewriter circuits maintained by the Department of Commerce enable flying to go on at night and under conditions of poor visibility during the day. There still are weather conditions which make flying impractical, but with the assistance of aids to air navigation, the scheduled operators now are able to complete 95 per cent of the trips started.

Accomplishments on the Federal Airways System during the past year consisted chiefly of continuous improvement in the various services with which airmen already were familiar, but at a cost \$2,117,710 less than Congress appropriated to do the job.

The year's work included some outstanding projects: About 2,700 miles of new airways are under survey, several existing routes are being relocated to give better service, and important studies and experiments have been undertaken in aeronautic radio. But the Air Navigation Division takes more pride in the results it has achieved in improving efficiency in day-in and day-out operations, yet reducing the cost to the taxpayer of the Federal Airways System.

When the Bureau of Air Commerce began the present fiscal year on July 1, 1933, newly appointed officials occupied the posts responsible for determination of general policies. The immediate problem was the budget for maintenance and operation of the Federal Airways System which had been reduced more than 30 per cent from the total which had been appropriated by Congress, and which had been regarded as essential to the efficient operation of air navigation aids. For the fiscal year 1933 there was appropriated \$7,553,500; although the appropriation for 1934 was \$6,590,210, the actual amount available under executive order was only \$4,472,500. In order to assure safety on the established air routes of the country, it was necessary to maintain substantially the mileage of lighted and radio-equipped airways that was in existence at the close of the preceding



Federal airways system radio station with four steel tower antennas connected with the transmitter by underground cables

fiscal year. Each proposal of the program for the year had to be weighed as an opportunity to save money, and also with respect to its probable effect upon efficiency and safety, the latter factor being the controlling one.

The necessary savings were brought about without any serious curtailment of the service as shown in the following table:

	July 1, 1933	June 1, 1934
Airway mileage:		
Miles lighted.....	18,100	17,315
Miles day (unlighted).....	256	256
Miles lighted routes on day airway status (lights not operating).....	644	1,499
Miles new routes under survey.....	0	2,747
Intermediate landing fields.....	269	257
Beacon lights.....	1,831	1,630
Radio communication stations.....	68	70
Radio range beacons.....	99	97
Radio marker beacons.....	70	78
Miles teletypewriter circuits.....	13,000	11,814
Personnel:		
Washington.....	50	45
Field.....	1,715	1,541
Total.....	1,765	1,586
Special employees for PWA projects.....	0	155

The present lighted airway mileage is only slightly less than last July, and in a few months, after completion of new routes authorized, it will exceed the total for July 1, 1933.

The table shows fewer miles of lighted airways in operation and more routes available only for day flying. Some airways upon which beacon lights and lighted intermediate landing fields are in place are not urgently needed for night flying, and the lighting facilities therefore are temporarily inoperative in the interest of economy. The intermediate fields are available for landings during daylight hours and the standard directional arrows on the ground at the beacon light sites are as useful as ever, so that these are in effect day airways during the temporary period of inoperation. Later, if night schedules are to be undertaken on the routes, the airway aids will be re-

turned to service, or if it appears they will not be needed where they are now, the equipment will be dismantled and used elsewhere.

The total number of intermediate landing fields has decreased; also there are more day fields at which there is no expenditure for maintenance of lights. The number of beacons is smaller. Radio facilities are about the same. It was possible to effect a considerable reduction in mileage of teletypewriter service (with an appreciable saving in expenditures) by rearranging the circuits.

Personnel figures show a reduction. A circumstance favorable to the retrenchment program was that air navigation aids have tended to become more and more automatic in character, requiring less attention from mechanics and operating personnel. The force of workers has been reduced by leaving vacancies unfilled and by rearranging assignments of the remaining employees where necessary. Some employees engaged on projects which came to an end were placed on indefinite furlough status. There are now approximately 2,000 employees in the whole Bureau of Air Commerce.

The comparative figures, as a whole, show an airway system substantially the same as that in operation a year ago, but maintained with about 30 per cent less money, and a comparatively small reduction in personnel. Reductions which appear in the tabulation represent the pruning out of facilities which were no longer vital to safety of aircraft operation. This accounted for a part of the necessary economy, but was not sufficient, by itself, to account for a saving of more than \$2,000,000.

A study of the airways system revealed opportunities for rearranging facilities so as to effect economies and at the same



time to improve the service. Airway facilities become obsolete, just as do the aircraft using them, and some of the older airways no longer met the needs of air transportation as they did when first established. The changes usually consist of relocating sections of airways along more direct routes, with a reduction of the number of lights and fields provided. The saving to the Bureau is brought about by reduced maintenance; the advantage to airmen by the shortening of the route and the modernization of facilities.

Construction work incident to these changes was made possible by Public Works Administration allotments. Many of the projects are still in process, and the resultant economies will not make themselves felt until the next year. Public Works has authorized more than 60 projects for the Bureau of Air Commerce among which are many involving small sums of money, while others are of considerable magnitude, making substantial contributions to relief of unemployment.

Six new airways, totaling 2,856 miles, all extensions of or connecting links for existing routes, are included in the program. They are the Northern transcontinental (Seattle-Twin Cities), 1,521 miles; Fargo-Pembina, 144 miles; New Orleans-St. Louis, 519 miles; Tulsa-St.

Louis, 352 miles; Galveston-Waco, 211 miles; and Louisville-Indianapolis, 109 miles. Further requests have been made for funds to install lighted and radio equipped airways to cover additional routes now being flown with the mail.

The Louisville-Indianapolis airway is now in use; the other five airways (totaling 2,747 miles) are under survey, and soon will be ready for actual construction work.

A new type of airway installation designed to increase the efficiency of the intermediate landing fields and radio aids to air navigation, will be provided on the New Orleans-St. Louis, Seattle-Twin Cities and Tulsa-St. Louis airways.

This system calls for establishment of adequate and completely equipped intermediate landing fields at 50-mile intervals, connected by beacon lights in a direct line. Each field will have runways and lights, weather reporting service, two-way radio station and a miniature radio range beacon effective up to 25 miles from the station. While nearly all present intermediate fields are lighted at night, many are inadequate in size, others are located off the base lines of the airways and none has, as standard equipment, the radio contemplated for the new-type installation.

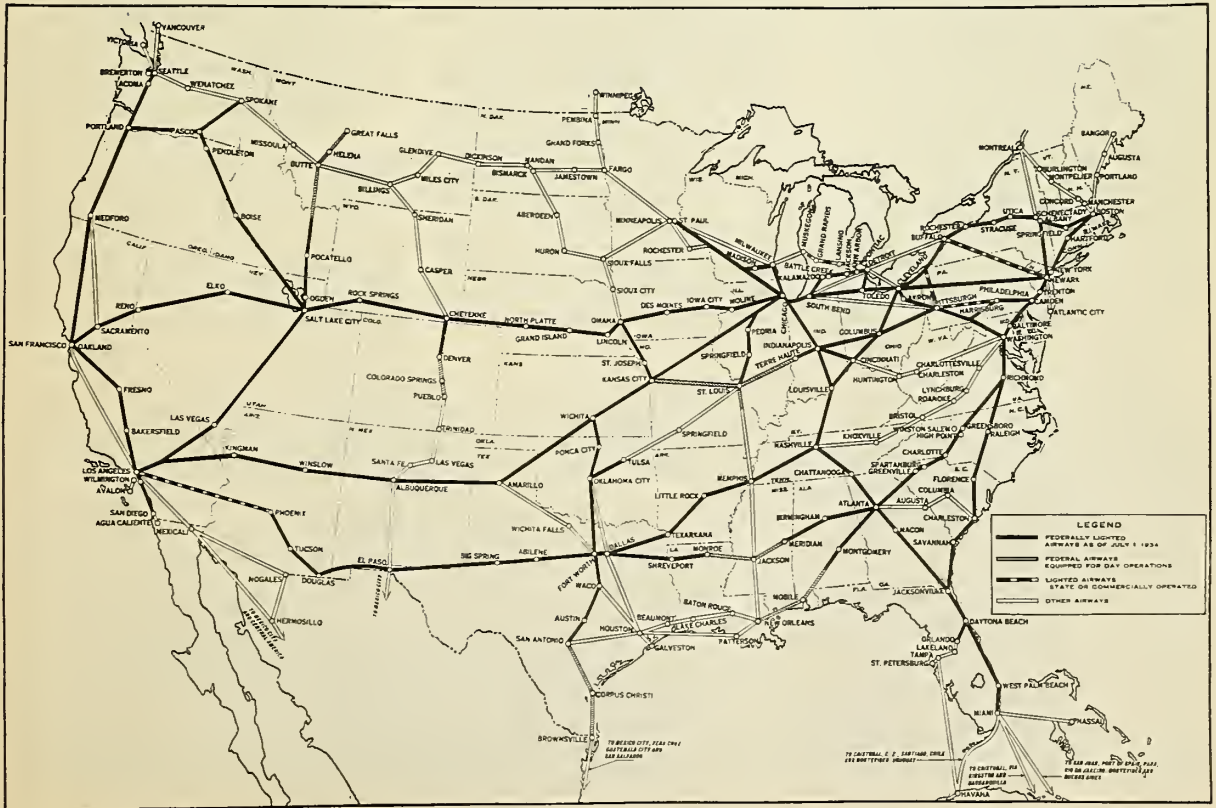
The radio range beacon generally used for directional guidance (effective

for 100 miles) transmits courses which have a tendency to split up and confuse airmen in mountainous country. The small beacons will reduce this difficulty. With miniature beacons, radio-marked airways can be laid out through passes and valleys, whereas, with the big radio beacons the routes have to be on a straight line, regardless of the character of the terrain.

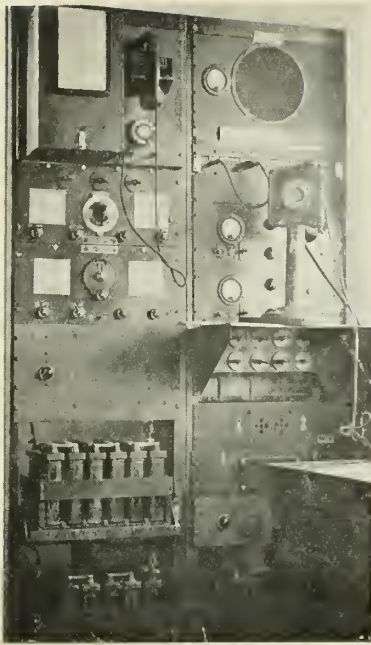
As the Louisville-Indianapolis airway provides a direct route from Chicago to the southeast, the lights on the present airway between Lafayette and Evansville, Indiana will be removed. Thus, this section, although it is a new route, also contributes to the realignment process which is being carried out by airway relocations along the following routes: Omaha-Chicago; New York-Boston; Pittsburgh-Harrisburg; Amarillo-Waynoka; Daggett-Kingman; Brownsville-San Antonio; Phoenix-El Paso.

Obstructions to air navigation in the vicinity of intermediate fields have either been removed or lighted. Old types of equipment were replaced by modern and more efficient apparatus. Many blinker lights were removed and replaced by revolving beacons. Field boundaries were changed to permit slight enlargements, or otherwise to adapt the fields to new aircraft operating at higher speeds.

Another change in the installation of



Latest airways map of the United States showing routes equipped with Federal aids to navigation



Distant control system for operating radio beacons and broadcasting. This apparatus is located several miles from the transmitter

beacon lights which reduces cost of operation without impairing service is the elimination of course lights, with another arrangement for conveying a part of the information formerly given by the course lights. These lights are not essential to show the direction of the route, since in weather clear enough for navigation by lights it is always possible to see at least two along the desired route. Therefore, many of the beacons which have 36-inch double ended lights have been equipped to show a red or green flash, according to location, and course lights have been removed.

In putting into effect this change in beacon lights, and all other readjustments of air navigation facilities, the Bureau has closely preserved distinctive features of the airways system with which pilots are familiar, and upon which they depend for guidance. Where necessary to introduce a new idea affecting the technique of using air navigation aids, it is carefully worked out as a logical development of what is already in existence, so as not to confuse the pilots.

The policy of improving and enhancing efficiency with minimum change in the service is even better evidenced in the development of radio facilities. Radio improvements are introduced as promptly as possible, almost invariably without requiring pilots to learn a new technique. This cannot always be avoided, and when it is necessary for pilots to change their habits, the adjustment is made so that the new procedure grows out of the old.

Introduction of distant control of airways radio communication and radio beacon transmitters has enhanced efficiency of these aids, and improved weather service at airports, without changing the broadcasts that airmen receive while in flight. On June 1, there were 42 stations operating under the procedure, 40 of which went into service during the present fiscal year.

With distant control, the personnel and controlling equipment are concentrated in one office at the airport. Transmitters for the radio communication station and the radio beacon are at a distance, where their antennas will not be obstructions to air navigation, and are connected with the control station by telephone circuits. Teletypewriter weather reports come to the airport station, broadcasts are transmitted over the telephone from the central station to go onto the air at the distant transmitter, and the radio beacon is operated by a dial switch in the airport office. Fewer employees are required, their work is better coordinated, and contacts with pilots at the airport before and after flights are made more readily. At some points, radio communication stations and radio beacons now operate as combined units, the two transmitters sharing a building, antenna and other equipment, saving not only space and equipment, but also the time of operators and mechanics who maintain and service the station. There are 14 combined stations now in operation.

The Bureau of Air Commerce has continued installing miniature range type marker beacons, 16 being in operation on June 1. At the beginning of the fiscal year there were only 4 such markers. These markers send directional courses which can be followed just as the beams of the regular radio range beacons, but being less powerful, cannot be received as far away as the signals from the larger stations. They are used as homing devices for intermediate land-

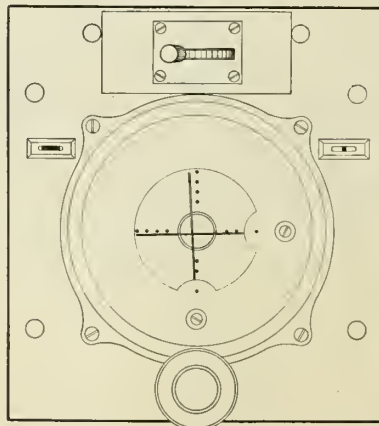


Standard 36" beacon with course lights mounted on top. Wind sock indicates beacon is adjacent to intermediate field

ing fields to fill out an airway course over a stretch which is not long enough to warrant installation of a large station or in any other situation where short range directional service is needed. Located ordinarily at intermediate landing fields, they are situated so that one of the courses passes directly over the landing area.

Vertical radiator type antennas (T-L antennas) have been installed at 26 stations since July 1, 1933, bringing the total of stations so equipped to 37. This antenna, designed for use with radio range beacons, consists of four steel towers, connected with the transmitter by underground cables. They are not subject to the "night variations," a swinging of courses which sometimes takes place after sundown with loop antennas. The vertical radiators also are efficient for voice transmissions, and can be used for both radio beacon and voice broadcasts at combined stations.

Another problem in connection with radio beacon transmission for which the Bureau still is seeking a solution is that of multiple courses in mountainous country. In some localities pilots receive what appear to be "on course" signals. In level country the phenomenon does not exist, so that it appears to be the effect of mountains on the transmissions. Two Department of Commerce experts, a pilot thoroughly conversant with the theory and practical application of the radio range, and an electrical engineer detailed for this work, are making ex-



Instrument showing aural signals visually

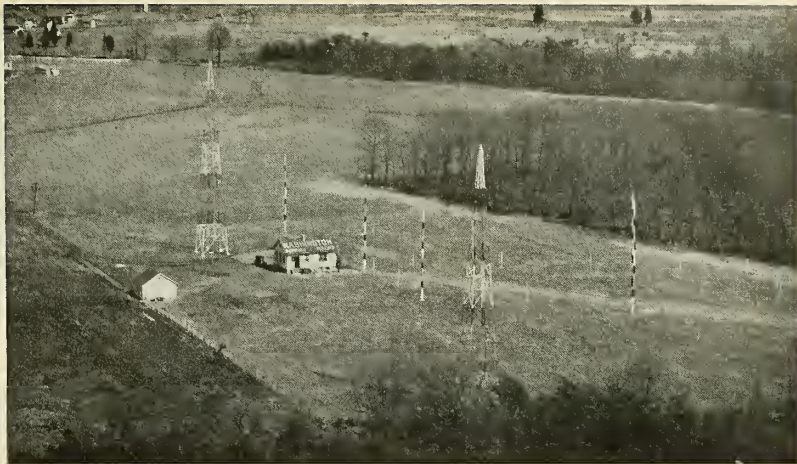
tensive studies of the multiple courses. Engineering colleges and universities have been invited to cooperate by assigning to graduate students research problems, the results of which would have a bearing upon this problem.

The beacons involved are known, and the pilots can use them without hesitation after familiarizing themselves with the individual peculiarities. In an emergency, the pilot can fly toward the station, even on a false course, and thus find his way to the airport near which the radio beacon transmitter is located. Nevertheless efforts are being made to eliminate the difficulty as already has been done with night variations.

Visual indication of radio beacon signals is another objective. Signals registered on a dial on the instrument panel would free the pilot from the strain of constant listening to dots and dashes when flying blind and it would clear the way for other use of the earphones, as will be seen later.

In past years, the Bureau of Air Commerce has sponsored experiments with a visual radio range beacon, the signals of which are registered by a pair of vibrating reeds. The reeds may be observed directly (equal vibrations indicating "on course" and unequal vibrations representing "off course" to the side of the longest vibrations) or the set may be equipped with a needle pointer giving indications on an instrument dial. Many of the radio range beacons now operating could be used for visual type transmissions, but there has been little or no call for them as the necessary receiving equipment is not in general use.

Within the past year radio engineers of the Bureau have developed a method of visually interpreting the aural radio beacon signals now relied upon for directional guidance along the airways. If generally adopted, pilots could receive directional signals in the headphones or on the instrument panel, at their choice.



Typical airways radio range station operated by remote control from the airport. The two principal antenna towers are 125 feet in height, topped by obstruction lights

Planes equipped with ordinary radio but not the special equipment for visual reception could get the signals aurally. A description of this system was published in the May issue of *AERO DIGEST*.

A logical extension of the visually-interpreted aural system would be simultaneous transmission of radio beacon signals and voice on the same frequency. The Air Navigation Division already has made studies of the proposal, and is preparing for tests under service conditions.

The experimental station at Pittsburgh, Pa., is equipped with a radio beacon transmitter, a transmitter for voice communication, and two antennas. The antenna for the radio beacon is a set of four vertical radiator towers. A fifth tower, located in the middle of the block of radio beacon antenna towers, serves for voice communication.

Although both transmissions are on the same carrier frequency, those of the radio beacon are modulated to 400 cycles higher than the carrier, while the voice signals

are the carrier frequency plus or minus 500 to 4,000 cycles. The aircraft receiver filters the signals, directing those of the radio beacon into a converter for visual interpretation, and those representing voice to the headphones.

At present radio beacon signals are broadcast continuously until time for a weather broadcast. The directional signals then stop, and the weather broadcast goes on the air for a period not exceeding three minutes, after which the radio beacon signals are resumed. With simultaneous transmission, the directional signals need not stop, and voice could be broadcast at any time without interfering with radio directional guidance.

Experiments with the radio for blind landing are continuing. The system developed by the Army Air Corps has been investigated, tested by the Bureau of Air Commerce and found suitable. During this work, the Bureau's test pilots under a hood employed a tri-motored transport

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Airways keeper's quarters, teletype station, radio marker beacon and fuel storage tanks at an intermediate field

# Fifth Annual Soaring Contest At Elmira

R. E. DOWD

● "Walk! Run! Let Go!" shouted pilot Jack O'Meara to a hastily assembled ground crew of farm hands on South Mountain. With a swish, his Baker McMillan glider catapulted out over the tree tops. Onlookers gasped with the tenseness of the spectacle for here, for the first time, was a man-carrying glider poised in air over Elmira's mountainous terrain. Could he possibly make the airport two miles away? That question flashed through the minds of everyone present—all except Jack, for he had already felt a reassuring lift under his wings and was nosing his ship crabwise along the ridge. The minutes slipped by, but still he flew back and forth not in a long winged sailplane heretofore thought necessary for soaring, but in a heavy secondary, or utility training glider. One hour and thirty-eight minutes later when he did land for an unofficial duration record, the crew went wild with excitement. At last America had a Wasser-kuppe. This all happened on July 3rd, 1929.

Little did that astonished group of spectators realize that in the span of a few short years, Elmira would become world famous and firmly established as America's Glider Capital, and moreover, that a motorless flight would be made from her grassy slopes to within thirty miles of Times Square, New York City—one hundred and fifty-five miles without power! Such, however, has been the phenomenal progress of soaring flight in America.



Lew Barringer in the Bowlus-duPont Albatross II taking off from the airport

The Fifth Annual National Soaring Contest was conducted this year from June 23rd to July 8th by The Soaring Society of America under the rules of The Federation Aeronautique Internationale, and sanctioned by The National Aeronautic Association. So much for the official sanction and affiliations which are necessary for the proper drawing of rules and regulations and recording of performances. Major J. C. Cone, of the Bureau of Air Commerce, Department of Commerce, delivered the official opening address of the occasion.

From an administration standpoint, the outstanding feature of the 1934 contests was the efficient organization of various groups, each charged with separate and distinct responsibilities. To Warren E. Eaton, of Norwich, N. Y., President of the Society; Earl Southee, its tireless Manager, and Charles H. Gale, timer, goes the credit for this fine piece of execution. From an achievement standpoint, the 1934 contests were the greatest ever. There were more licensed gliders entered—thirty to be exact—exceeding by eight the 1933 figure. Also more launchings (128), more time in the air (117 hrs. 31 min.), greater altitude (6,224 ft.) and finally a new world's distance record (155 miles). In every branch, records toppled and the art of cloud soaring was practiced with a facility far exceeding previous efforts.

If we search for a one word answer or explanation of all this progress, it can be found in "science." Applied "science"

in designing, building and flying the various gliders. "Science" in recording, tabulating and forecasting the weather. In connection with the latter, let's follow a typical days routine at the Soaring Society's headquarters on Henry Harris Ridge.

Promptly at five a.m., the Curtiss Robin M.I.T. weather ship takes off with pilot Joe Barber at the controls. The occasion is the daily flight to 12,000 ft. altitude. The ship is laden with delicate recording instruments, carefully installed and calibrated by the meteorological group, headed by Dr. Karl O. Lange. After a check-up of the findings of this flight, a second check is made with regular Department of Commerce radio reports. Now the weather group is ready to talk to the glider pilots at the seven o'clock morning meeting. At this point there is either a general relaxation due to an unfavorable forecast, or a scurrying to the various take-off points which have been recommended. As in the past, the weather man still reigns supreme at glider contests, but how different from the old days when pilots lounged around the airport with eyes glued on the drooping wind sock, only to scatter in seventeen different directions when it displayed some animation. The Soaring Society owes much to the aid of the M.I.T. meteorological group which continues to check reports and make recommendations throughout the day.

Reference has been made to the Henry Harris Ridge which now constitutes the main point of activity. This very satisfactory take-off point has been developed at a cost of some ten thousand dollars under one of our New Deal alphabetical projects. It is about three hundred feet higher than old location Number Six, and overlooks that spot which served so well in past years. The clearing is large enough to permit the operation of planes and auto towing is extremely simple, thereby permitting airport experience to be used to the fullest extent. It is claimed that no other soaring spot in the world possesses these advantages.

Lines of tents, refreshment stands, radio stations and meteorological buildings border the field. Loud speaker units,



Col. Cone being greeted by Warren Eaton. Southee gives Miss Kimball clearance papers



Jack O'Meara takes off from Harris Ridge in his Chanute Sailplane

located at strategic points on the ridge, give the setting the appearance of a carnival or air race. The camps string along the sides and indicate, through the medium of savory cooking and flapping laundry, that domestic "science" too is practiced, although perhaps on a basis less precise than some of the other sciences.

A survey of this most interesting picture leaves one contemplating our national glider resources for such they are when considered as a training medium for pilots. With Germany boasting some 10,000 glider pilots and Russia thrice that number, it does seem that something is wrong when we claim less than five hundred. But we do claim quality, if not quantity, both in our ships and our men. Let anybody deny that! In the meantime, our air services, both army and navy, are making a belated study of the possibilities of the glider in primary training.

It was inspirational to witness the arrival of some of the various Club delegations. With their gliders in tow on trailers, they trekked in from points hundreds of miles distant. Red eyed and weary from strain and fatigue, they rolled in with their precious cargoes. To those who had practiced over flat airports of midwestern cities, the mountains seemed most formidable. However, a few reassuring hops from the lower points soon restored failing courage and they would next be seen sporting over the ridges. The Akron, Ohio Club with its model T Ford and Baker McMillan Cadet II, was an interesting combination of uncertain transportation—gypsy cargo and good American determination. The same can be said of the South Bend, Indiana Club, headed by Clyde Brower, vice-president, although their facilities seemed somewhat more adequate. Then there were the two juvenile globe-trotters, Bob Carey, seventeen, and his buddy and rear guard, Harold Harrington. From Rhode Island State Airport at Hillsgrove they hailed; Bob astride his two-seater Aeronca and Harold, his Bull Pup. "Up there in the Pennsylvania mountains," says Bob, "my map showed a nice single railroad track which I was following, but

it divided. I says, 'Eenee, Meene, Minee, Mo,' and decided to take the right hand trail. Later it proved to be a spur track to a coal mine. All the time my buddy was on my tail like the Red Knight of Germany and when I turned back, he just followed. Don't know how we made it but we're here." This coming generation will show us something about this aviation business, I thought, such daring and self-reliance!

This year the women pilots were not content to make short hops. Mrs. Russell Holderman, of Le Roy, New York; Mrs. Richard duPont, of Wilmington, Del.; Miss Margaret Kimball, of Lexington, Mass., and Gretchen Reighard, of Mansfield, Ohio, seized every opportunity to be in the air. In a duration tussle, Mrs. duPont exceeded Mrs. Holderman's time of 4 hours 31 minutes by a few minutes, but did not gain official recognition because a barograph was not carried. Mrs. Holderman officially holds the woman's American duration record.

The center of attraction during the contest was the Bowlus-duPont group, flying gliders of that name. The Albatross II is a perfectly marvelous piece of design and workmanship. With its arched wings spreading some sixty feet and tips tapered to almost a point, she resembles the great wandering albatross, dean of wind soarers. The plywood fuselage is rather typical in form and construction, except there is evidence of the utmost care in reducing cross sectional area and in streamlining. To further

these ends, the pilot sits in a slightly reclined position with thighs supported by extensions of the plywood seat. The feet operate pedals for rudder control by an ankle motion. These are located close together in the very nose back of the aluminum cowl. A small wheel control made in segment form, is provided instead of a conventional stick, and a hand crank on the pilot's right operates the landing flaps which slow the speed and kill the glide. The lift struts running from fuselage to wings are built with ribs and fabric covered to an airfoil section. The fin and rudder remain intact with the fuselage in transporting, but the elevators are removed. A central landing wheel is provided similar to utility practice. In the air the Albatross seems to glide on and on without any perceptible loss of altitude, even when operating over a flat airport. Its gliding angle must be better than one in twenty. It was in this great ship that Richard duPont set out on a distance jaunt. Gaining altitude over the ridge take-off point, the twenty-four year old pilot maneuvered his glider under the large fleecy, cumulus clouds, seeking out thermal currents. From cloud to cloud he hopped in majestic silence. The Alleghanies slowly moved under him as he followed a southeast course. Without map the landscape was puzzling but in due time as he worked down the Susquehanna River Valley, the great Delaware Water Gap appeared and then he managed to get his bearings. With the skyscrapers of Manhattan only thirty miles away, he dropped down over Basking Ridge, clearing at about 200 ft. and finally landed on the airport at Somerset Hills, New Jersey. The duration of the flight was five hours fifty minutes. It seemed that the thermal currents were determined that he should ride no farther, or was it, after all, a magnificent sporting gesture to come in for an airport landing rather than to squeeze the last few ounces of energy from those thermal currents? At any rate, by so doing he left unwon the \$3,000 prize offered by his father for an Elmira flight terminating within twenty-five miles from Times Square.



Steve Lichtblau and Chris Harmantas rig up a wind indicator



Pilots of the glider train: Bowen, Eaton, O'Meara, duPont and Holderman

This flight proved to be a world's record, eclipsing the German distance of 136.8 miles. The American altitude record was also shattered by this unbeatable team of pilot and mount. The new figure is 6,224 ft. as compared with O'Meara's 1932 record of 4,780 ft.

Among the new stunts tried out during the contest period was the two-way radio communication between Warren Eaton's glider in flight and the ground radio station. It became possible to obtain meteorological advice from the ridge station, which proved interesting and entertaining to the spectators.

There was also the four unit glider train towed by a Waco plane, piloted by Harold Bowen. One by one the gliders cut loose and stunted as they sought out a previously designated landing spot.

Only one accident marred the perfect record of the Meet and that was caused by a heavy wind storm which struck the ridge with such force that the Stevens Club glider was torn from its moorings. Arthur Braendel, sixteen, of Palisades Park, New Jersey, and his brother Felix, both of the Stevens Institute group, endeavored to hold the craft from lifting. The wind was too strong and both were lifted into the air, Felix dropping off at a safe height. His brother rode upward until his hold was broken by the violence of the wind and he fell some fifty feet. Latest reports state that he is recovering. The weather group had warned the contestants of the oncoming storm but it broke so suddenly that more adequate precautions to safeguard the gliders were not possible.

The Stevens group deserves the highest praise for their determination in the face of difficulties. Their 1934 entry was a beautiful, home-built, tapered wing job using a Franklin fuselage and tail group.

At the close of the contest, the usual testimonial banquets and gatherings were held. Elmira's Mayor Honan and State Senator Feld, assured contestants of the utmost cooperation in arranging for the 1935 Contests. It is understood that with further road and take-off improvements, Elmira will again have the glider boys as their guests.



Glider train of four units towed from American Airways airport

Richard C. duPont was named 1934 American Soaring Champion at the close of the contest. In winning the title, duPont was credited with 16 points, the largest number ever acquired by a pilot in any of the five soaring meets. His points were won as follows: international record (distance), 5; national record (altitude), 3; first place in distance for meet, 3; first place in altitude for meet,

Sweet, Elmira, 24.25 miles; second, Stanley W. Smith, Lyndonville; third, Joseph W. Conn, Akron, Ohio.

Altitude, sailplanes: First, Richard C. duPont, 6,224 feet; second, Lewin Barringer; third, Martin Schempp, Syracuse.

Altitude, utility gliders: First, Floyd Sweet, Elmira, 3,517 feet; second, Stanley W. Smith; third, Dana L. Darling, Greenfield, Mass.

Duration, sailplanes: First, Martin Schempp, 6 hours 8 minutes; second, Richard C. duPont, 5 hours 53 minutes; third, Emerson Mehlhose, Wyandotte, Mich., 5 hours 42 minutes.

Duration, utility gliders: First, Mrs. Dorothy Holderman, LeRoy, 4 hours 31 minutes (women's record); second, Dana L. Darling; third, Mrs. Richard C. duPont.

Award to group making most trips of 15 miles or over: First, Richard duPont group; second, M.I.T. group.

Awards to group compiling greatest aggregate time in air: First, M.I.T. group, basic time of 28 hours 56 minutes (awarded Sherman Fairchild trophy, to be kept one year); second, duPont group; third, University of Michigan group.

Best all-around junior "C" pilots: First, Nelson N. Shapter, Bayside, L. I., with University of Michigan group; second, Henry Wightman, Montclair, N. J., with same group; third, Gretchen Reighard, Mansfield, Ohio. These awards were given pilots who obtained their "C" licenses this year.

New "D" certificates earned at 1934 contests (highest licenses in gliding) Richard C. duPont.

Most cross-country flights of 15 miles or over: First, duPont group, awarded the "Hank Harris" altimeter; second, M.I.T. group.

Best all-around woman pilot: First, Mrs. Dorothy Holderman, awarded Franklin Corporation, Ypsilanti, Mich., trophy; second, Miss Margaret Kimball, Lexington, Mass.; third, Mrs. Richard duPont.

Lt. Henry Harris memorial for highest altitude regardless of class of glider: First, Richard C. duPont; second, Lewin Barringer; third, Martin Schempp.



Lowered landing flap of Albatross II

3; second place in duration for meet, 2. The honor carries with it possession for one year of the Evans trophy, emblematic of the soaring championship of the United States.

The list of awards follows:

Distance, sailplanes: First, Richard C. duPont, 155 miles; second, Lewin Barringer, Philadelphia, 77.5 miles; third, J. K. (Jack) O'Meara, New York City, 50.9 miles.

Distance, utility gliders: First, Floyd



Mrs. Richard duPont, Mrs. Russell Holderman, Dr. and Mrs. Klemperer and Floyd Sweet

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## Flight in the Stratosphere

● Ascensions into the upper reaches of the sky where the air is rarified and parasitic drag is decreased are not mere stunts undertaken to stir the imagination of the public. A very definite aid to mankind in general and to science in particular results from these flights.

Aeronautical science will owe a debt of gratitude to the Piccards and others for delving into the mysteries of the stratosphere. It is in this region that the aerial transports of the not-too-distant future undoubtedly will pick their way at the tremendous speeds possible only where the drag set up by the forces of nature is minimized.

Much must still be done before flying at 30,000 feet or more is safe for the every-day air passenger. It is from such attempts as those made by Capt. Albert Stevens, Major William Kepner and Wiley Post that the problems of oxygen supply and air pressure will be solved. When they are, flying at 300 or 400 miles an hour will become as safe and perhaps more comfortable than flying at 160 miles an hour at 5,000 feet or less.

## Air Express to Latin America

● For years there has been intense rivalry among nations for the major share of the business emanating from Central and South American countries. Through the intervention of Pan American Airways a forward step in fostering good-will and opening up these rich markets to American products has been made.

In conjunction with the Railway Express Agency, Pan American Airways now provides a fast international shipping service between this country and 30 others in South and Central America. Through long and tedious work it has not only eliminated boundless red-tape by the promulgation of a new waybill, but also has made it possible for the American manufacturer to give his Latin American customers a speedy and expedited service that cannot be matched by any manufacturer in any country. This simplified waybill is expected to make a great deal of difference in the amount of trade which will flow between the various countries and it will eliminate

the discouraging documentation formerly necessary to ship goods to those countries. Express formerly held up for weeks and months will now pass through the customs of these countries as fast as the baggage of the air passenger, and whereas at one time days and weeks were required, the new international air express service will deliver merchandise to any commercial center in the Caribbean within two and a half days and to the most distant capital of South America within seven days from the United States.

In the race for these export markets (which normally contribute \$2,000,000,000 to the world's trade) we should far outstrip French and German efforts aimed at these trade centers.

## The Baker Report

● The widely-publicized report of the Baker Committee has little in it that we did not recommend and campaign for in the past few years.

Now that the government has gone to the expense and time on the subject let us hope it will abide by the committee's recommendations. Should it do so, our industry will be bolstered by the business it will get and by the encouragement provided by the government's solid backing.

The specific recommendations for the encouragement of the industry were for purchase of planes from private manufacturers instead of constructing them in government shops, the fostering of aircraft exporting by the Department of Commerce, and the purchase of aircraft by the War Department by negotiated contract, by competitive bids or by purchase after design competition.

The suggestion that our Army Air Corps (whose morale, incidentally was found unimpaired notwithstanding recent reports to the contrary) be equipped with 2320 planes and manned by a correspondingly larger personnel, would, if carried out, give us an Air Force second to none, and provide an adequate aircraft industry so essential to national defense.

It now rests upon the government to act on these recommendations which are the results of a serious and intensive study by a group to which political affiliations were of no consequence. Im-

mediate action will go far in restoring the Air Corps to its former standing in the eyes of the people of the United States, will help and bring to its feet an industry sorely beset by financial conditions and political investigations and will foster the development of aviation in the country where it was born.

## Air Marking Small Towns

● In most regions in good weather navigation in the air requires virtually no effort. When the ceiling is low, and visibility none too good, it requires pretty strict attention to business over almost any territory. Over such rough terrain as Pennsylvania and West Virginia a pilot can rarely afford to lose his way, even for a short time, for the abundance of towns, streams, railroads and ridges make relocation difficult. Under these conditions air travel becomes a chore for the pilot, rather than a pleasure.

This situation could be easily changed simply by having the name of every town easily visible to a pilot passing over it. Typical air markers include the name of the city and town, a meridian marker and an airport pointer.

Further aid to the pilot can be provided by marking Federal and State highways, a program already adapted by several States and now being planned by many others.

The Department of Commerce, Bureau of Air Commerce, has available a General Airway Information Bulletin giving complete information concerning the marking of buildings and highways. This bulletin is recommended to those municipalities who are contemplating a program aimed not only to aid and direct fliers, but also to advertise their town to the ever-growing users of the skyways.

Not only will such markings aid the pilot but are of interest to the passengers of airliners, many of whom try to follow the course of the flight throughout the journey. Airmarking should be made a matter of civic pride. The Chamber of Commerce of every town could accomplish a great deal in this direction. Towns could be air-marked by men and materials supplied by CWA and PWA funds. Here is a ready-made opportunity for putting men to work immediately on projects of permanent value.

# We've Captured a Democrat --

## Meet Elliott Roosevelt:

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CY CALDWELL

● Aviation has encountered and surmounted so many handicaps that when 23-year-old Elliott Roosevelt was announced as Vice-President of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce I merely shrugged my shoulders and accepted him as yet another slight impediment to progress. One Roosevelt has allowed his henchmen to walk all over us, and now here was another one moving in as a permanent boarder.

Of course, looking at it another way, appointing Elliott might be a good move for Thomas Morgan, President of the Chamber, to make. After all, aviation was short of Democrats in good standing, for all these past years we had been jogging along under the mistaken assumption that the Republicans would stay in forever. We never took a Democrat seriously until the Head Democrat took us all like Grant took Richmond. Then we checked up on available influential Democrats in aviation and found that the only specimen we had was a night watchman at Roosevelt Field, and he wasn't even in with his District Leader, let alone with Washington and the various alphabet soup agencies that have recently been established.

So perhaps having Elliott with us wasn't a bad idea; if the Democrats weren't good to us we could stop feeding him, or hold him as a hostage, or demand a ransom for him, like the Chinese do with missionaries in China. Besides, I thought, young Roosevelt could gain admittance to the White House at any time of the day or night without danger of being hurled into jail for collusion, which was more than any one else in aviation could do. Just suppose, for example, that Executioner Black's Ogpu suddenly seized all of the country's airline executives and hurled them into the hoosegow. Who could reach the President and plead for their release on the grounds that they were only poor simple Republicans who didn't know any better? Nobody but another Roosevelt. Whenever a Republican aviation executive was discovered prowling around the White House grounds it has been the custom first to lock up the silver and then telephone General MacArthur, Bonus Army Evictor, and beg him to come at once with a tear gas squad and a couple of tanks to oust the intruder.

So the more I thought about it the more



Vice-president Elliott Roosevelt

I was inclined to believe that having a young Roosevelt on an aviation pay-roll might have advantages. At first, I understand, Mr. Morgan had considered offering positions to Sistie and Buzzie, until some one remembered that their last name was Dall, not Roosevelt. Naturally this spoiled their chances of becoming high-powered aviation executives. Then it was suggested that it might be a placating move to hire Scamper, the White House Bunny; but more cautious counsel prevailed. Leighton Rogers pointed out that rabbits were blessed with such a hearty biological urge that in no time at all the Chamber might be cluttered up with dozens of young Scampers.

While this weighty discussion was going on, Tom Morgan was pacing back and forth wrapped in an air of gloom and a new summer suit. Like King Richard, who, unhorsed on the field of battle, cried, "A horse, a horse! My kingdom for a horse!"—Tom Morgan cried, "A Roosevelt, a Roosevelt! My kingdom for a Roosevelt." Then he added as an afterthought, "Or even an ordinary Democrat." Hearing these frantic cries, young Elliott Roosevelt, who happened to be passing at the moment, entered and said simply, "Here's your Roosevelt—where's the job?"

Perhaps it wasn't exactly like that, but I believe that gives you the gist of it. But when you recall that Elliott is a member of the Reigning Dynasty with the

privilege not only of eating breakfast at the White House but even of going to the White House refrigerator late at night for a cold snack, it makes the appointment seem reasonable. After all, if we have to go out and hire a Democrat at this late date we might as well hire one whose name is known.

Now, I study wild life in the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce and the Bronx Zoo. If they get a new bird at the Zoo, I go up and look it over; and if they get a new bird in the Chamber, I go in and look him over, too. They never charge me for looking at them, because I'm as much of a curiosity to the boys in the Chamber as the boys in the Chamber are to me. The same system is in force at the Zoo; the monkeys get as much fun out of watching the visitors as the visitors get out of watching the monkeys. Anyhow, I dropped in at the Chamber, which is on the 26th floor of a building so the boys can sit and doze and look at the East River when they aren't doing anything. They know the East River by heart and can name all the boats.

I apologized for waking the boys and said I'd just dropped in to look at Mr. Roosevelt, and which cage was he in? Well, they said he wasn't in right then because he'd just moved his wife and two-months-old daughter to New York, and was getting them settled; but he'd be in at eleven because he'd mentioned that he had an appointment to see me at that time. It was then five minutes to eleven, but I didn't expect to see him until around noon, because any Vice-Presidents I'd ever met during boom times were always an hour or two late for appointments, on account of conferences in speakeasies and so forth. But perhaps things were different now, as Mr. Hoover had declared that if we didn't re-elect him there'd be Vice-Presidents growing in the streets. We didn't re-elect him, and I know one former V. P. who is growing on the corner of Broadway and 42nd St. Anyhow, that's where I always see him, leaning against a lamp post, and I presume that he has taken root there, just as Mr. Hoover prophesied.

Sharp at eleven in walked a big stalwart fellow, six feet three in height and weighing around 200 pounds; he had on a suit that needed pressing, and he wore a pleasant smile that reminded me of his father's. We hadn't chatted more than a couple of minutes before I saw that he was as friendly and cheerful and natural an egg as you'd meet in a day's travel, in no way exalted or set apart from us ordinary mortals who weren't Vice-Presidents or related to the potent Potentate of the Potomac.

The office we were in was a bit of a cubby-hole with a desk and a couple of chairs in it, and it was pretty stuffy. Elliott went over and tugged at the window

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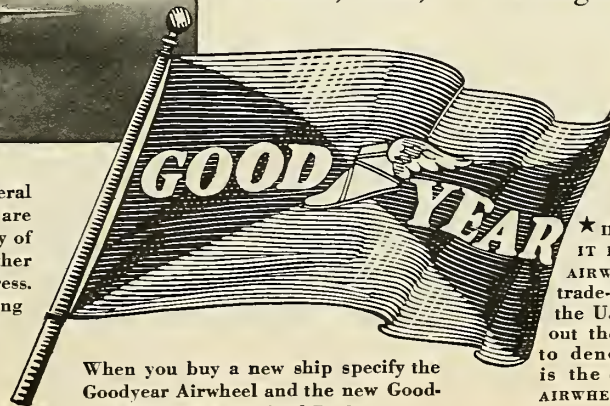
New ships of this type, built by General Aviation Manufacturing Corporation, are now in use by the Swiss Air Company of Switzerland and Mitsui of Japan. Another ship is now in use by Western Air Express. All use Airwheel equipment, including both front wheels and tail wheel, and Airwheel Hydraulic Disc Brakes



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so we could get a breath of air from the river, mixed with the pleasant aroma of a nearby brewery. The window stuck, and I said "You should have an Assistant Vice-President to open windows for you so you won't lose your dignity." He saw I was kidding him and laughed. "Don't take that title seriously. A Vice-President is just a fellow who carries bags for the President; he's a sort of caddy. There used to be a lot of them around a few years ago, but they gradually died off."

Well, we chatted along, nice and friendly, and I asked him a lot of questions and he answered all of them. He has as many ideas as his father has college professors on the public pay-roll. Some of those ideas are of the rosy variety common to optimistic and somewhat idealistic young men of 23, while others are soundly practical. In fact, what impressed me most about him, next to his friendly and ingratiating manner, was his shrewd common sense and his remarkably adult views about politics and aviation, about both of which peculiar sciences he has pronounced opinions which he states with emphasis. Whatever he may accomplish in the Chamber of Commerce, I'm convinced of one thing: he won't act as a complacent rubber stamp for other people's ideas; he has some of his own, and in the main they seemed pretty sound to me, although I don't hold with all of them.

### We've Got a Democrat

He believes rather more firmly than I do in his father's policies. As I was there to ask questions, not to argue, we didn't tear into each other about politics; but I was itching to have at him with a few facts bearing on the New Deal, for I have a firm idea that some cards have been dealt from the bottom of the deck when we weren't looking—the air mail cancellations, for instance. As Elliott only spent part of a Fall term at Princeton, I don't suppose he studied much ancient history, and he's been too busy to delve into it since then. But if he has time to glance through Edward Gibbon's *Decline and Fall* he may be startled to learn that about the same sort of deal was handed to the mobs of the Roman Empire, with free bread and free circuses at the taxpayers' expense. The old Romans finally reached a point where they had more bums than they had taxpayers; and the surviving Romans never got anywhere until several centuries later when they emigrated to America and opened fruit stands and shoe shine parlors. However, we wanted a Democrat and we've got one. I'm glad he has a good paying job, because it's young men like Elliott, and his children and his grandchildren after him, who will have to pay for the New Deal which his father is dealing out, entirely on credit. All I hope is that we don't run out of

taxpayers by the time I get too old to do anything but clamor for Relief myself.

Elliott Roosevelt was born in New York City Sept. 23, 1910, educated at the National Cathedral School in Washington (while his father was Asst. Secretary of the Navy) and at the Groton School, Groton, Mass. After part of a term at Princeton he decamped from that fount of learning over which the martyred Woodrow once presided, because he figured that about all he would learn would be athletics. So he escaped the dire influence of the professors, thus being one step ahead of his own father, who fell for their hocus-pocus late in life and now is as cursed with a horde of them, as a dog is with fleas.

### Well, a Job's a Job

Elliott got himself a job with Albert Frank & Co., financial advertising agency, doing clerical work during 1930 and '31, when with James Nason and Jack Kelly he formed the advertising agency of Kelly, Nason & Roosevelt. They sat at desks month after month, getting no business, and finally to ease the strain Elliott got out and went with the Paul Cornell agency in 1932. The moment he left, the firm got business and is now doing well. He hasn't anything to do with it now, but his name is still used as he was an original partner. While with Cornell, Elliott did a survey of Trans American Airlines for E. L. Cord. He was assisted by Eugene Vidal, who now sits in Washington yearning for a vestpocket airplane for \$700. Later in 1932 Elliott went to the Pacific Coast as temporary general manager of Gilpin Airlines which Mrs. John C. Greenway (now representative in Congress from Arizona) had financed. Elliott studied the line and advised Mrs. Greenway to close it up, which she did with a sigh of relief, for it had proved an expensive experiment.

While he was at school, some of Elliott's friends built an airplane out of old parts and he got some dual in that dubious creation. Then, while in Los Angeles, he took a student's permit, got in some more dual, and went solo for ten hours. Then an important job came his way and he never got time to take out a license. However, he piled up another 65 hours solo on his student's permit and now is determined to take time off to get a private license.

The important job I mentioned was with the Hearst papers. In the summer of 1933 Elliott met William Randolph Hearst and suggested to that shrewd publisher that the Hearst papers would be better if one, Elliott Roosevelt, wrote an aviation column for them. What, demanded Mr. Hearst, did young Mr. Roosevelt know about aviation? Very little, said Mr. Roosevelt, but he was anxious to learn, to write down what he had learned, and to get paid for it. The

idea appealed to Mr. Hearst, who must have known that it wouldn't do any harm to his circulation to have a son of the President writing for him, no matter what he wrote or how badly he wrote it. So Elliott became a syndicate writer, like Arthur Brisbane and Beatrice Fairfax, both of whom have gone far and made much money on two chief subjects—the Japanese menace and love. Elliott stuck to aviation and wrote a pretty good column.

While he was with Hearst, Elliott covered 150,000 miles by air in a year, and on a Hearst expense account, which is a very nice way to travel. He studied air transportation and visited the factories and got to know many people in the industry. Mr. Hearst played the part of Santa Claus. Then came the air mail fiasco, which put Elliott in a difficult position. Mr. Hearst's editorial writers were thundering away about the iniquity of crucifying these mail contractors, and Mr. Hearst's aviation expert was expected to do likewise. Yet while Elliott felt that the President had been badly advised and had made a mistake, he could not very well attack his own father's policies in the public press. He was in a tough spot, and it is an illuminating comment on the young man's boldness and resourcefulness to learn how he extricated himself.

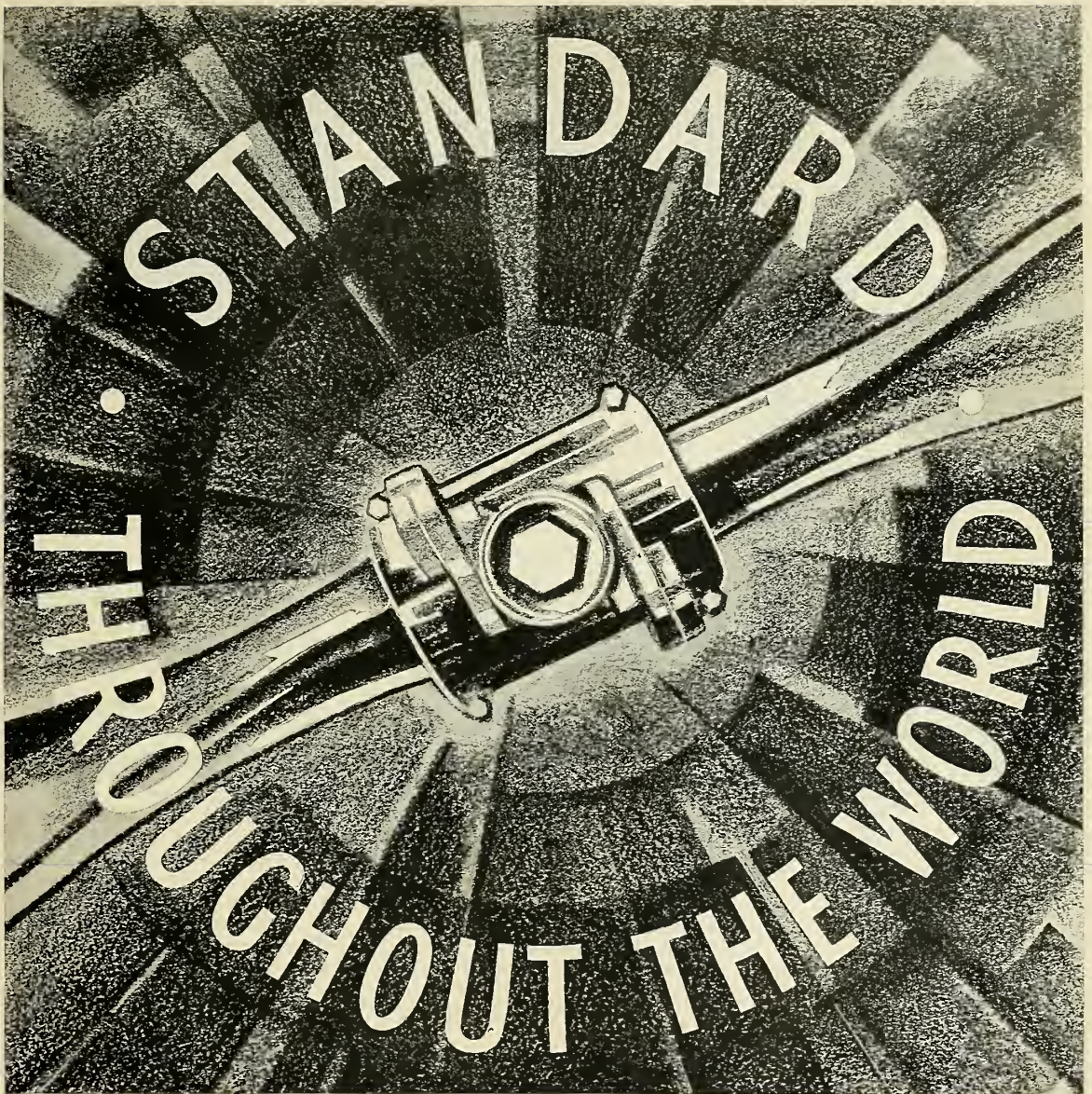
He went to Mr. Hearst and said: "I don't think that father has had the right advice on this matter. If you'll charter a plane I'll fly to Miami and see what I can do." This idea appealed to Mr. Hearst, because he naturally liked to be in the position of having one of his employees giving advice to the President. He was always giving advice himself, and nobody was taking it, so he thought it worth trying to learn if one of his writers could get his advice taken.

### Crashing the Party

So Elliott and George Hearst took off for Miami, where Elliott met his father, who was cruising around on a fishing and loafing trip with Vincent Astor—which was a lot cheaper for the taxpayers than having to steam up one of the Navy's cruisers for him, just so he could catch himself a sea bass and a couple of flounders. Well, Elliott didn't get much change out of the President, who, like all fathers, didn't take a lot of stock in his own son's ideas. He just said that Elliott should go see some Cabinet officers and tell his story to them. "Now, if you'll excuse me," said his father, "I'm busy with this fish."

He saw the Cabinet officers and spoke right up to them, too. Perhaps his intervention hadn't much effect on the ultimate outcome, but it serves to show the stuff he's made of. Of course, you can

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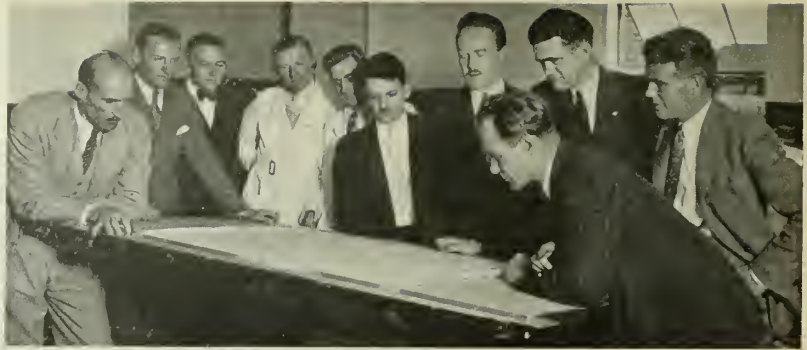


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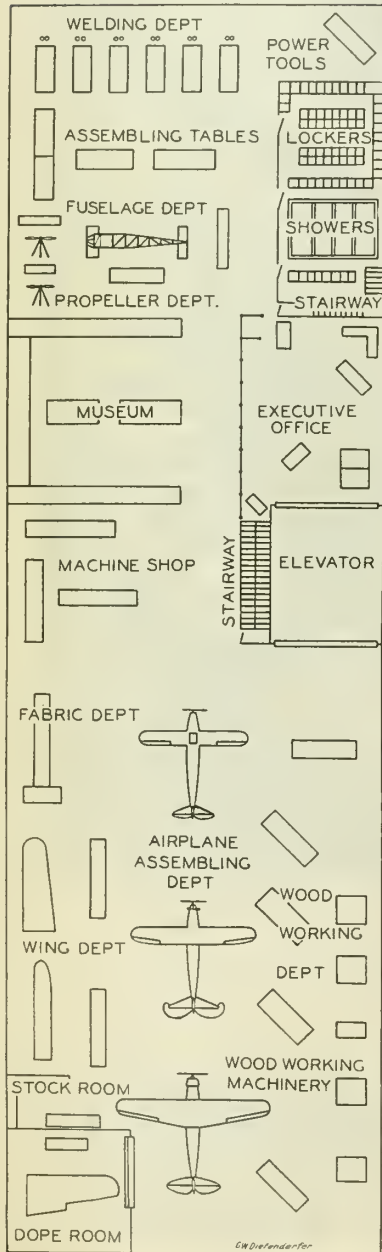
Casey Jones (extreme left) and his faculty at the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics in Newark, N. J.



## Training Aviation Mechanics and Engineers

CHARLES S. (CASEY) JONES

President, Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, Inc.



Floor plan of the lower floor of the school's new building, showing location of various units and departments

● In the Fall of 1932, a group of five men, all with long aviation experience, decided that a school which gave sufficient mechanical training to qualify its graduates for their Department of commerce license would be of inestimable service to the industry. They believed that such training would offer to those wishing to make aviation their life work the best possible method of entering the industry. They thought that courses should be of sufficient length to give basic mechanical training and that the instruction should be entirely practical. With these purposes in mind they organized the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics and located at Newark, New Jersey, home of one of the world's busiest airports.

### Faculty and Facilities

The five organizers were: Lt. Col. George A. Vaughn, Jr., graduate of Princeton University, second ranking American ace during the war, Air Officer of the 27th Division National Guard, and president of Eastern Aeronautical Corporation which for a number of years has operated the service concession at Newark Airport; Lee D. Warrender, graduate of Purdue University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, World War pilot, and widely experienced in the care and servicing of airplanes and engines; Richard Whatham, authority on meteorology and formerly associated with the Royal Naval Service and the United States Air Corps; B. Hunt Smith, well-known sportsman pilot; and the writer, who has long been associated with military and commercial aviation, particularly in the instruction field.

The school started in three good-sized rooms and a hangar at the Newark Air-

port used in conjunction with Eastern Aeronautical Corp. A group of licensed mechanics was secured as instructors, including George Lawton and Gordon Hamilton, both men of long experience; Clayton Bedford, formerly service engineer with the Wright Aeronautical Corporation and a graduate of the University of Columbia; and Thomas Schlitz, a welding expert.

Three months after opening, it was necessary to double the floor space to accommodate an increasing number of students. Then a two-year course in aeronautical engineering was added to the curriculum, combining the master mechanics course with a thorough course in engineering, under the direction of Warrender and Walter M. Hartung, graduate of New York University and formerly assistant engineer of the Granville Brothers Aircraft Company. The welding course, which started separately, was combined with the regular mechanics course.

Towards the end of June, 1934, the existing quarters were again found inadequate, necessitating a third expansion and two complete floors, occupying 32,000 square feet of floor space in a modern fireproof building were taken over to meet the requirements necessitated by an increasing enrollment.

The new building is ideal for school use. On the top floor are two lecture rooms with offices for instructors and a large assembly and recreation hall. Behind these are the drawing boards and desks for the Junior and Senior engineering departments. In the rear is the engine division and its several departments, including primary and advanced engines, ignition, carburetion, inspection and instruments. Sixteen aircraft engines are

located in separate bays flanked by over-haul benches.

The executive offices, together with the welding and propeller departments and an aeronautical museum are at the front of the second floor. The rear of the floor is devoted to the airplane division with sufficient space for assembling four airplanes at one time. The panelling, wood-working, metal working, and fabric departments are situated in bays along the side of the room, and in the rear corner is the dope room with double fireproof doors, fireproof walls and provision for special ventilation.

### Methods of Instruction

Adequate locker space is available on both floors as well as washrooms, showers, etc., while a large elevator facilitates movement of planes and engines between departments. Ample stock rooms are located on both floors.

The school offers two courses; the master mechanics' course requiring fourteen months (two years, night school), and the two-year aeronautical engineering course (two and one-half years, night school). Graduates of both courses are qualified to take their tests for airplane and airplane engine licenses granted by the Department of Commerce. During the first six months the work in both courses is identical, being devoted largely to providing a basic mechanical training. Students are taught the use of tools, woodworking and metal, and each one is required to learn how to build, cover, dope and repair a wing section. He then progresses to wire splicing, rigging and assembling. In the engine department the process is the same, starting with elementary engines and proceeding to the overhauling of modern engines.

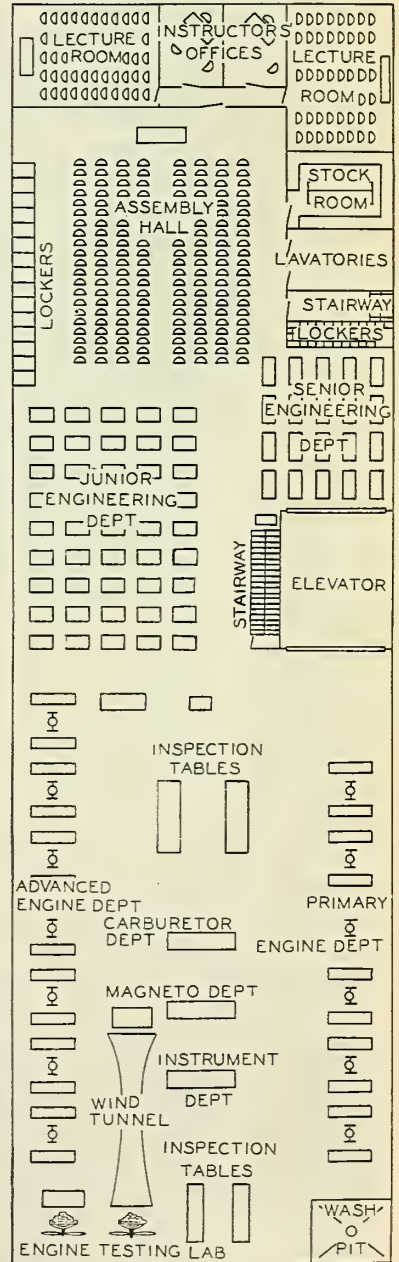
After the first six months, the work in the two courses follows different patterns. In the master mechanics course,

the student continues with his practical instruction, completely overhauling Wasp, Hornet, Whirlwind, Cyclone and Conquerer engines and also specializing in ignition and carburetion. He is taught to become familiar with numerous aircraft instruments and accessories, their care, upkeep and repair. He spends several months in the hangar at Newark Airport, where he learns field practice, trouble-shooting and general airplane operation. There, where all the major airlines have their eastern termini, he is given first-hand opportunity to observe modern airline operations on a large scale. The entire course is designed to give the student training similar to that which he would receive if he were working at an airport or in an aircraft factory.

After the first six months, the engineering student commences his engineering subjects, which are given in coordination with his mechanical training. Theory of flight, advanced mathematics, aerodynamics, mechanical drawing, drafting, stress analysis and kindred engineering subjects are carefully covered. At the same time, the student is required to put into practice in the shop, the theories which he is learning. The complete engineering course covers approximately 3,000 hours and the subjects are comparable to those given by a university offering an aeronautical engineering degree. As classes are held five days per week and vacations are of short duration, it is possible to thoroughly cover the ground in two years.

In order that the instruction may be practical, the school either purchases wrecked airplanes and rebuilds them or repairs privately owned airplanes that need overhauling. In selecting such airplanes, care is exercised not to compete with local service stations. These machines are disassembled at the field hangar, brought to the school and there the necessary work is accomplished by

the students under the supervision of the instructors. When completed, the planes are taken to the field, assembled, inspected, tested and flown. It is not uncommon for the school to completely rebuild airplanes and on one repair job during the past year, seven new wing spars were constructed by students, an indication of the extent of the work undertaken. Among the different planes



Layout of upper floor, showing position of various departments and of lecture and study halls



Above: View of the engine division. Below: Engineering students at work on the drawing boards



General views of the welding department and lecture room in the new building occupied by the Casey Jones School

overhauled have been Wacos, Travel Airs, Stinsons, Eagle Rocks, Robins, Fledglings and Moths. In most cases, the engines in these planes are given a complete overhaul while the plane is in the school.

In order that each student may receive instruction on the types of engines used by the airlines and commercial operators, the school owns sixteen different types, including Whirlwinds, Wasps, Hornets, Cyclones and Conquerors, the assembly and overhaul of which are part of the required work.

In addition to practical instruction, a sound foundation of general aviation knowledge is provided by lectures sufficient to meet the ground work requirements of the Department of Commerce for any grade of license. Navigation, meteorology, history of aviation, airline operation, field management are all included, as well as rules and regulations of the Department of Commerce.

The school conducts a placement bureau which keeps close contact with manufacturers, operators and airlines. One of the encouraging factors at the present time is the growing recognition that graduates of well-conducted schools are receiving from these other branches of the aviation industry. It is felt that the policy of specializing in developing practical mechanics and engineers instead of attempting to provide this training as an auxiliary to flight instruction is partially responsible for this recognition. There are other causes. In the last few years there has been a marked improvement and a great increase in the use of

metal in airplane construction. New metals have to be handled by new methods. It is no longer possible for the ordinary welder to do the highly skilled welding now necessary in handling duralumin and other new metals. Fabrication and repair demand a new technique. Consequently, specialized training is required.

Airline and airport operators are beginning to realize that graduates of good schools provide the best possible recruits for their organizations. Until recently many operators have expressed a preference for untrained, but willing youths, on the theory that such men could best be trained in the routine of an organization by the organization itself. This is true only when the aviation schools fail to do their jobs. In the first place, such training is costly. It is a recognized fact that a man serving an apprenticeship is at the start an expense to his employer. No matter how willing he may be, he is bound to make mistakes while learning.

#### Instrument Flying

It has already been stated that the work of the school has been primarily devoted to training mechanics and engineers. No elementary flying instruction has been attempted. Flight training for those who desire it is provided through other organizations at the Newark Airport.

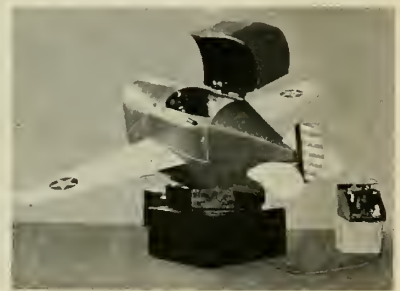
However, in order to keep abreast of the latest developments in flying, the school has perfected a system of instrument and radio beam instruction in conjunction with E. A. Link, inventor of a training device which materially decreases the cost of such instruction. The Trainer is mechanically operated by an electric motor, air pump and a series of valves which are actuated by a stick and rudder causing the Trainer to perform various maneuvers just as an airplane. It is completely equipped with navigation instruments, including bank and turn indicator, rate of climb, air speed, and compass. The cockpit is enclosed by a hood so that the student can be taught to fly by instruments and experience all the sensations of flying, without ever leaving the ground. In addition, an ingenious radio-sending device, which automatically

transmits the same signals as those sent out by the radio stations on the airways, has been installed. The pilot in the Trainer, through his earphones, is able to pick up these radio signals which are sent to him by the instructor, and thus not only learn to fly by instruments, but also to fly the radio beam and to orientate himself under conditions similar to those encountered in the air. It has been definitely proven that the use of the Trainer decreases the flying time necessary to acquire proficiency in this type of flying by more than 50 per cent. The U. S. Army Air Corps, after exhaustive tests, purchased six of the Trainers, and others have been sold to the U. S. and Japanese navies. This instruction, which is offered only to pilots, is given at the New York quarters of the school at Radio City, 1250 Sixth Avenue. Flight instruction is conducted at Newark Airport and equipment kept in condition by the students under the direction of licensed mechanics. Thus, though the school does not provide elementary flying instruction, it is in a position to expand into this field as soon as the demand for such instruction seems to warrant it.

There is no question but there is a place in aviation for good schools. A nation progresses in direct proportion to the educational facilities provided its citizens. The same may be said of an industry, particularly one as highly specialized as aviation. Much progress has been made during the last few years, that, in part, can be attributed to increased knowledge within the industry and the growing confidence of the public.

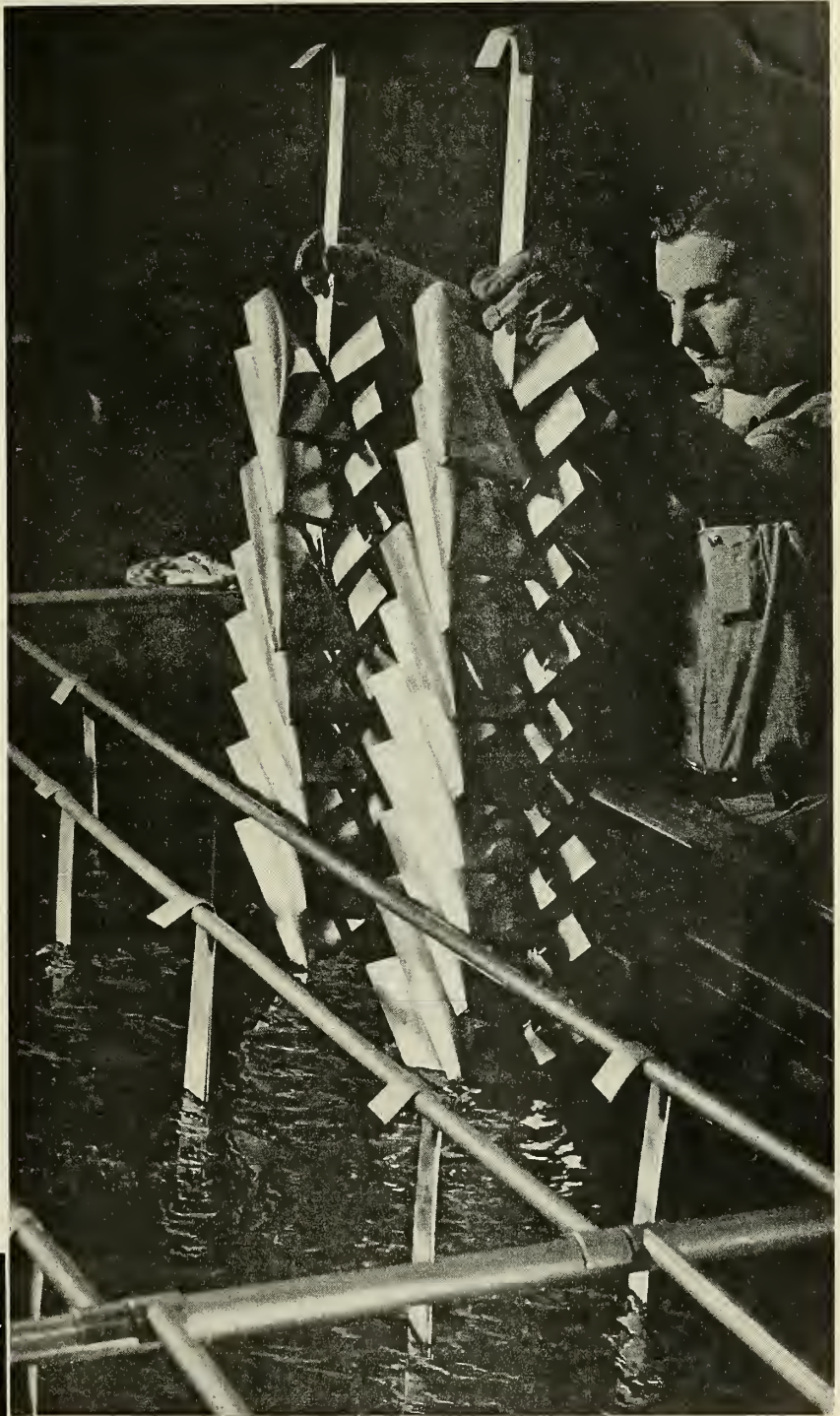


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# Personalities



● JOHN HENRY WRIGHT, after being born in Clark Mills, N. Y., of all places, attended Clarkson Tech at Potsdam, N. Y., where he became something of an athlete and under an assumed name played pro basket ball. Any young gentlemen who played against Mr. Wright in the days of his youth doubtless will remember it to their dying day, for he has a pair of shoulders about a yard and a half across, is stocky and meaty, and would be a rather awful creature to get in the way of. If someone said to me, "Do you want to withstand a determined charge by Jack Wright, or do you prefer that this rhinoceros here should go after you?" I'd say at once, "Unchain the rhinoceros!"

After hurling unoffending basket ball players out of his way for some time, Mr. Wright accepted an invitation from the United States Government to join the N. Y. National Guard, in order to bring that organization up to strength, for it had been short six men. In 1916 Mr. Wright was a sergeant, and a tough one he must have been; they sent him and the Guard with old Massa Pershing down in Mexico to round up one Pancho Villa, who had been cutting up didoes and annoying Americans along the border. Unfortunately, Mr. Wright never got near enough to Mr. Villa to fall on him, or that worthy would have ceased functioning immediately.

In the cause of democracy, which bobbed up a year later, Mr. Wright

*by Caldwell*

joined the 28th Division as machine gun officer, though a howitzer would have been nearer his size. If they simply gave Mr. Wright a Naval 12-inch gun and told him to shoulder it up to the front lines, and then hold it like a shot-gun and open fire, the war would have ended a month earlier. He had a lot of fun shooting up Germans until one of them got fresh and shot him up on July 18, 1918, at a doleful tank town called Fismes, France, a sort of out-house behind Chateau Thierry.

Jack Wright was given recuperative leave and went to Issoudon where he received flying instruction. By March 13, 1919, he had recovered sufficiently to marry an American nurse, also lost in France, a Miss Argyle Trevillian Tutwiler, from Richmond, Virginia, Suh! By now Jack probably knows her well enough to call her Aggie, or possibly Tut. They give those Southern girls very fancy names which are positively staggering to us foreigners up North. An old married man, Jack Wright staggered back to America and sold insurance in the rising town of Utica, N. Y. when his interest in aviation seduced him

(I think seduced is the word) into flying. He became Utica manager for Colonial Airways, later American Airways. This experience made him so desperate that he went in for airplane racing as a sportsman pilot, winning 130 trophies and everything except a living. Finding that the trophies weren't fish-cakes, Jack went back to insurance for a living, racing occasionally in an OX-5 Challenger and a KR 34, until Don Luscombe brought a Warner Monocoupe to his attention. This really started Jack off on what is laughingly called the road to fame, for he copied everything Johnny Livingston had done, except staying out nights, and made that the fastest Monocoupe that anyone except Livingston ever had. He won the second Leeds Trophy Race, New York to Cleveland, 1931, the Mexican Government Trophy at Miami Races, 1932, and captured the world's record for ships of the first category at Miami in 1934, with a speed of 169.8 m.p.h.

Then he got tired of copying Johnny Livingston and bought his clipped wing Monocoupe-a-la-Livingston, an entirely new species of airplane for which the Monocoupe people are only partly responsible. It is this snappy contraption, restressed for a 145 H.P. Warner, completely rebuilt at the Monocoupe factory, and approved by the Great Omnipotent Oom, or Dept. of Commerce, which Jack has entered in the London to Australia Air Race. He has toured the country with American Air Aces, has endured many hardships and therefore is tough enough to negotiate the hazards of a ten thousand mile race.



● BECKWITH HAVENS, Eastern District representative of Fairchild airplanes, has been in aviation for nearly a quarter of a century, starting with Glenn H. Curtiss at Hammondsport in 1910. He is now practically a sacred relic of the early days; if he lasts a few years longer some historical research society will come along and nail a bronze tablet on him, like they do on those old houses where George Washington slept a night. In fact, Beckwith lives in an old house in the rural regions of Long Island where George



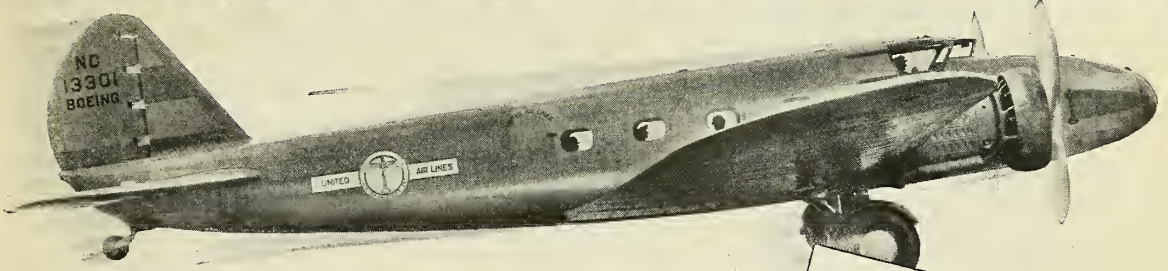
Jack Wright and the Monocoupe he has entered in the London-Melbourne air race

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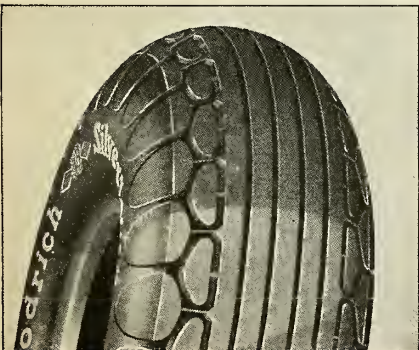
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Washington might have slept—allowing that he didn't mind drafts. It's one of those enormous wooden mansions which our ancestors built because they had a lot of wood and didn't know quite what to do with it. Last winter, Becky tells me, he shovelled 25 tons of hard coal into the furnace. You had to be careful entering the front door while he was stoking, for the draft would hurl solid unburned chunks of coal up the chimney, from which it would rain down on the roof, hit the porch, and then bounce off the head of an incautious visitor.

Beckwith, or "Becky" Havens was born in New York City in 1890, the son of a lawyer. Lawyer's sons inherit such a powerful jaw development that they can talk for hours without tiring; so with this natural gift there was just one thing for Becky to do—become a salesman. He got a start in 1909 in New York as a retail automobile salesman, selling E. M. F. and Flanders cars to people who still believed that one or two horsepower was plenty. In 1910, stimulated by the balmy air of California, to which he had emigrated to sell Haines automobiles, Becky became balmy enough himself to start out as the world's first airplane salesman. He returned to New York and had charge of the Curtiss exhibit in the city's first airplane show. At that time, 1910, it would have taken four radio announcers, two used car salesmen, and a shot of ether to sell one airplane. None were sold, so Becky thought he might do better if he learned to fly the product.

He went to Hammondsport, met Glenn Curtiss, and sold that pioneer the idea that an airplane salesman should be taught to fly at the company's expense. In 1910 there were no dual Curtiss airplanes, so the flying "instruction" consisted of a few well-meant words of advice on the art of maintaining a desired elevation above the earth's surface without ending in an undesired excavation six feet below that surface. Becky received some ground instruction from Lt. "Spuds" Ellyson, the first Navy flyer, who was six months ahead of any one else in the Navy to fly. At Hammondsport in 1910 were also Lieut. (now Cap-

tain), J. H. Towers, the second Navy flyer, and Lieut. MacElvane, the first flyer of the U. S. Marine Corps. This distinguished group learned to fly under Mr. Curtiss' ground instruction. They were told which way to turn the wheel and lean on the shoulder yoke in order to go to the left or right, and how to push or pull on the steering column in order to go down or up. When they learned the difference between "switch on" and "switch off" and which way to move the throttle, they were considered to be sufficiently instructed and were turned over to God and the elements. Becky Havens learned under this rigorous method, went solo and survived the experiment. In fact, his first solo flight was an exhibition date.



Beckwith Havens

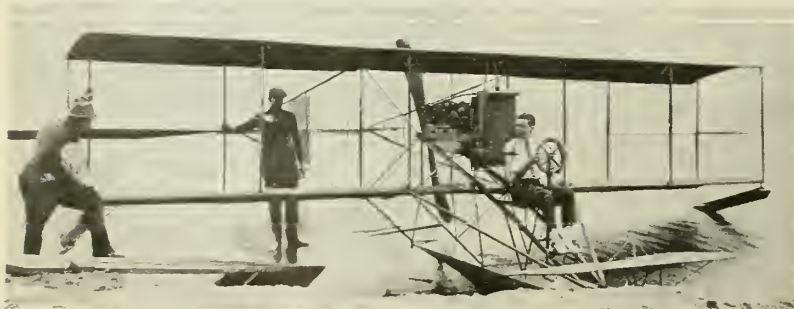
During 1911 Pilot Havens learned that trying to sell an airplane to the general public was about as easy as selling a Frigidaire to an Eskimo, so he joined the Curtiss Exhibition team and flew for them as an exhibition pilot until the end of 1913, winning many prizes and awards, including one from the City of Havana for the first flight over that city; and a gold medal from Curtiss for the first long distance flight in a flying boat from Chicago to New York; and the Aero Club of America Medal of Merit for the outstanding achievement of the year—the winning of the Aero and Hydro Trophy and Detroit Country Club Trophy in the Great Lakes Race of 1913. There were over a dozen entrants in that race, including Glenn Martin, Tony Jannus, and

Walter Johnson. Havens was the only one to finish, flying from Chicago to Detroit, via Mackinac, in 16 days

Havens joined the Denby Motor Truck Co. in 1914, with a five-year contract as foreign representative, travelling in nearly every country in the world. He took a year out and served with the Naval Air Service as Special Duty and Test Pilot, starting with the rank of Lieut. (jg). He is now a Lieut. Commander in the Reserve. 1920 found him as Sales Manager with the Curtiss New York Corporation. By 1920 an airplane could be sold without the use of an anaesthetic; or without even tapping the prospect firmly over the head with a sledge hammer to render him unconscious. One man was even discovered sneaking up on a used airplane and buying it without any urging by the salesman; but as his family shortly afterward had him committed to an institution for the cure of nervous and alcoholic cases, perhaps we shouldn't count that.

A bad tooth-ache sent Becky to a dentist in 1921. The dentist, a heartless fellow like all of his tribe, gave Becky gas and extracted a wisdom tooth. Whether it was the gas or the loss of the wisdom tooth I don't know, but the upshot of it was that, with C. C. Witmer, Becky organized the Airship Manufacturing Co. of America to manufacture lighter-than-air craft and accessories, changing the name in 1924 to Airships, Incorporated. They manufactured dirigible airships of various types, including the Zodiac, MB, TC, and TE, kite balloons, and free balloons. The Army and Navy are still wondering what to do with them. Perhaps the coverings could be used as canopies over open-air beer gardens, and the gondolas and baskets could be equipped with wings and entered in Gene Vidal's \$700 airplane competition (just a suggestion). Driven to desperation by all these balloons, Airships, Inc., built emergency flotation gear, safety belts, other belts, wind cones, ice-cream cones, and such supplies until the time when the company was liquidated.

Becky was Sales Manager and Test Pilot of Loening Aeronautical Engineering Corporation until 1929, when Loening sold out to Keystone. In 1930 Havens made a trip through Central and South America and the West Indies, mostly by Pan American Airways, as assistant field director of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum. They were searching for old bronze cannon and new Bronx cocktails, and collected both in profusion. Next year found him Aviation Specialist with Vacuum Oil Co., his duty being to sit in the exact center of a partial vacuum and look vacant and preoccupied, like all aviation specialists. Tiring of this, he joined Fairchild as Eastern District Representative with headquarters at Roosevelt Field.



"Becky" Havens, pilot of one of the first Curtiss flying boats

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# AIRLINES and AIR TRAVEL

## *Air Express Links 30 Nations*

AFTER THREE years of negotiations with the governments of 30 Central and South American governments, a door-to-door express service between the United States and 150 cities in those territories, went into effect the first of this month following the signing of contracts between Pan American Airways and the Air Express Division of Railway Express Agency.

The new shipping system, which cuts red-tape by the use of a single waybill instead of six ordinarily required in foreign shipping, gives to business men in the countries effected the same facilities now available within the United States.

According to Juan T. Trippe, president of Pan American Airways, express formerly held up for weeks and months will now pass through the customs of these countries as fast as the luggage of passengers—in 12 hours or less.

## *Air Transport Board Appointed*

GENERAL HUGH Johnson has approved the choice of seven members for the Code Authority of the air transport industry.

Five chosen by the Aeronautical Chamber were E. R. Breech, president of North American Aviation, Inc.; H. S. Martin, president of Pennsylvania Air Lines and Transport Corp.; W. A. Patterson, president of United Air Lines, Inc.; L. D. Seymour, president of American Airways; and J. T. Trippe, president of Pan American Airways.

Femple Bowen, president of Bowen Air Lines, and T. E. Braniff, president of Braniff Airways, Inc., were also approved as members of the board.

## **AIRLINES CARRY 35,899 PASSENGERS**

**EIGHTEEN** airlines operating in continental United States carried 35,899 passengers in May, 1934, flew 2,699,342 miles, carried 153,331 pounds of express and flew 14,408,909 passenger miles. A year previously when 27 companies reported, 38,738 passengers, 122,414 pounds of express were carried and 4,102,991 miles flown.

## *New England Service Augmented*

**ADDITIONAL PASSENGER** and express service between Boston and Portland, Augusta, Waterville and Bangor, Me., has been inaugurated by Boston-Maine Airways. The new service makes two round trips daily by planes of the airways subsidiary of the Boston and Maine and the Maine Central railroads between those cities.

Tri-motored Stinsons leave Bangor at 7.45 a. m., Waterville at 8.15, Augusta at 8.30, Portland at 9.15, and arrive in Boston at 10.10 a. m.

Eastbound, the plane leaves East Boston Airport at 3.40 p. m., Portland 4.50, Augusta 5.25, Waterville 5.40, with arrival in Bangor at 6.10 p. m. The east-bound plane connects by air from New York City.

## *Hawaiian Air Mail Service Proposed*

AIR MAIL service on the Hawaiian Islands may be inaugurated by the Post Office Department if reasonable bids are received.

This proposed service will link the four large islands of the group, Hawaii, Oahu, Kauai and Maui, and will embrace the principal cities of each, thereby serving 325,000 residents.

Advertisements for bids on this service have been issued to all airlines both in the United States and the Hawaiian Islands. Amphibians will be required for this service, which will be the first to be advertised under the terms of the recently enacted air mail legislation. Contracts will be let for a period of one year.

The proposed new Hawaiian Air Mail Service will embrace approximately 333 miles. The line will extend 108 miles west from Honolulu on the island of Oahu to Lihue on the island of Kauai. From Honolulu to the east the line will extend 102 miles to Maalaea on the island of Maui. From Maalaea the proposed route will continue 123 miles to the East and South to Milo on the island of Hawaii. The longest over-water stretch on the entire route will be 93 miles.

The only inter-island mail service now afforded residents of the Hawaiian Islands is a once-a-week ship mail service between some of the islands and a twice-a-week ship mail service between others. Under the proposed Hawaiian Air Mail system it is planned to schedule one round trip daily except Sundays and national holidays.

## *Airline Moves Miami Base*

**EASTERN AIR** Lines, Inc., has moved its southern terminus from the Municipal Airport, Miami, Fla., to the Pan American Airport on account of convenience of location and to facilitate exchange of passengers, mail and express between its line and the Latin American schedules of the international route.

The company operates overnight schedules from New York and intermediate points which directly connect with Pan American Airways at Miami, allowing a continuous flight of 2,000 miles in 24 hours from New York to Haiti.

## *New Airline Operating*

**ISLAND AIRLINES**, Inc., recently inaugurated air service between New Bedford, Woods Hole, Vineyard Haven and Nantucket. Four round-trips are made each day in a six-passenger P. & W. Wasp-powered Fairchild.

Officers of the company, which maintains its headquarters in New Bedford, Mass., are Robert Bell, president; Burnham Litchfield, vice-president, and Charles Rippey, secretary.

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### Safety Standards To Be Discussed

EXTENSIVE CHANGES in the Department of Commerce airline regulations, to increase further the safety and reliability of scheduled air transportation, will be the subject of a conference to be held in Washington on August 15 and 16 between officials of the Bureau of Air Commerce of the Department and representatives of the scheduled air transport companies.

In calling the conference, Eugene L. Vidal, Director of Air Commerce, said that many revisions in the existing regulations are necessary because the rapid technical advances in airline operation since the requirements were first promulgated several years ago, have made them obsolete. Broader authority to provide standards of safety on the air lines was granted the Department of Commerce by Congress in an amendment to the Air Commerce Act of 1926 adopted in the concluding days of the last session.

It is hoped to receive valuable criticism and suggestions from the operators with respect to standardization of airway construction; radio, intermediate landing fields and beacon lights as now operated by the Department of Commerce and also with respect to the advisability of introducing such new devices as the radio compass, visual reception of radio range beacon signals, blind landing facilities and radio typewriters for the transmission of weather maps, weather reports and emergency messages.

With respect to regulation, efforts will be made to fit the requirements to the type of operations carried out. Not only will the airline regulations be brought up to date, but they will be localized as well.

Type of equipment suitable, and qualifications of personnel necessary in different localities will be discussed. The use of single or multi-engined airplanes and the types of operation for which each is suited, will be considered, as will also the performance which should be expected of a multi-engined aircraft in flight in case of engine failure.

Under the terms of the Air Mail Act of 1934, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized and directed to prescribe the maximum flying hours of pilots on air mail lines and also to approve agreements between air mail operating companies and their pilots and mechanics for retirement benefits. Provision will be made on the agenda of the conference for these subjects to be thoroughly discussed.



Bellanca Airbus seaplane used for New York—Long Island commuter service

### TWA Reduces Flying Time

A REDUCTION of 4½ hours in the scheduled flying time between Los Angeles and New York together with the inauguration of a new air passenger and express service from Kansas City to New York via Chicago and Pittsburgh, was inaugurated recently by TWA., Inc.

The new service, providing fast schedules from coast-to-coast, is flown between Kansas City and New York with the twin Cyclone-powered high-speed Douglas Airliners, which cruise at about 200 miles an hour.

With the new schedules, TWA established a new transcontinental route in addition to the one the company was operating between Los Angeles and New York by way of Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis and Columbus.

Through the use of the Douglas Airliners on the eastern half of the run, coast-to-coast time is now 20 hours 42 minutes and flying time from Kansas City to New York is 6 hours 37 minutes.

### Commuter Service in New York

WALL STREET men living in Long Island can now fly to work every morning in aircraft operated by New York and Suburban Airways, Inc., which flies from Oyster Bay to the East River float at the foot of the famous street. A second service will go into effect from Glen Cove to Wall Street with an intermediate stop at Port Washington.

The line is the outgrowth of two years of private commuting from Port Washington by Richard C. Hoyt, who flew to work daily in his own plane which was piloted by Stanley C. Jacques, who has been appointed operations manager of the line. A Bellanca Airbus, equipped with floats, is being used.

### France New Operations Manager

RECENT PROMOTIONS made by Eastern Air Lines included the election of Charles W. France, who had been serving as operations engineer, to the vice-presidency in charge of operations; George R. Cushing, vice-president, as general superintendent of the airline, and John K. Ottley, Jr., formerly southern division traffic manager, as assistant general traffic manager. Ottley is taking charge of traffic in all cities except New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. The latter cities will remain under the general traffic office in New York, and Mr. Ottley's headquarters will continue in Atlanta, Ga.

Eastern Air Lines operates the New York-Miami, New York-New Orleans and Chicago-Jacksonville routes, carrying passengers, mail and air express over all divisions except the Chicago-Jacksonville route.

### United Plans Speedier Schedules

EQUIPPED WITH geared super-charged Wasp engines and three-bladed controllable-pitch Hamilton Standard propellers, ten model 247-D Boeing transports will be delivered to United Air Lines commencing this month to make possible even further reduction of elapsed time on the coast-to-coast schedules over the mid-continent airway. Since it began operations, United has cut coast-to-coast time from 31 to 18¾ hours.

Although performance statistics on the new type 247 planes have not been released, the speed of the plane is substantially in excess of that of the present 247s now being operated. Except for nacelle changes to accommodate the geared engines, the external appearance of the 247-D is similar to that of the 247.

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# NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS

## *Parks Buys More Planes*

THREE NEW planes have been ordered for student training and will be added to the present fleet of Parks Air College training planes as soon as deliveries can be made by the factories.

Two are Kinner Sportsters and the third is a 1934 Waco Cabin. The Kinner are to be used for primary training, while the Waco will be available for more advanced work.

The new regular term at the East St. Louis, Ill., school opened July 9, with many registrations made in all courses. It was pointed out that as a result of increased aeronautical production between 30 and 40 Parks graduates were placed in positions in one month.

## *Students to Design and Build Planes*

ENGINEERING STUDENTS at Parks Air College, East St. Louis, Ill., assisted by the faculty, will design a complete ship embodying latest developments as well as new principles. Norman O. Anderson, Dean of Engineering, will have charge of design, but the entire engineering school will participate in development.

The ship will probably be of all-metal construction and be designed to meet or exceed Department of Commerce specifications, especially those proposed by Eugene Vidal, Director of Air Commerce for a small craft.

The new engineering building has been completely remodelled providing new and more spacious quarters.

## *New Aviation School Opens*

WITH AN initial class of about 20 students, Pennsylvania Technical Institute School of Aeronautics, Hughesville, Pa., has inaugurated two-year mechanics and engineering courses.

Space has been taken in a large manufacturing plant, while flying instruction will be given at the local airport. Tests are to be conducted on a new-type plane which it is hoped to develop into a practical trainer.

Registrations for the second group will be taken some time next month.

## *Course Given in Welding Engineering*

A SPECIAL five-day course in welding engineering is being offered in Cleveland by the John Huntington Polytechnic Institute in cooperation with the Lincoln Electric Co. The course, being repeated at this time due to increased activity in the welding industry and to demand for an intensive advanced training course, will be conducted once each month except during August of this year. This course will provide engineers, welding supervisors and foremen an opportunity for intensive study of the practical and theoretical sides of welding.

Day sessions will be held at the plant

of the Lincoln Electric Company, which has offered the facilities of its welding school under the direction of Arthur Madson and Dean Newton, and the evening lectures and discussions at the Polytechnic Institute.

The course will cover the value and use of the shielded arc; calculation and distribution of stresses in welded joints; study of polarized light and rubber weld models; penetration; designing for arc welding; organization of welding departments and estimating welding costs, etc.

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## **CASEY JONES SCHOOL MOVES INTO LARGER QUARTERS**

THE CASEY Jones School of Aeronautics, Newark, N. J., has opened new school quarters at 534 Broad Street, making this the third time during the eighteen months of the school's existence that increased enrollment has necessitated expansion. The new school consists of two complete floors with a total floor space of 32,000 square feet in addition to hangar facilities at the Newark Airport.

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## *Special Summer Courses Given*

FOUR COURSES are being taught at Vancouver Aero Tech, Vancouver, B. C., this summer with provision made for instruction during the day and at night.

Among the courses is the pilots' technical course including rigging, navigation, meteorology, engines, etc.; a mechanics course and a flight course.

## *Safair Adds Course to Curriculum*

A COURSE in aviation mechanics has been added to the course of study taught at the Safair School of Aviation, Roosevelt Field, Mineola, N. Y. New instructors added to the faculty to teach the new subject include John Klein, Donald Walling and Gilbert Trimmer.

O. P. Hebert, president, has returned to his duties after aiding in getting Pacific Seaboard Airlines started in their air mail carrying operations.

Gerald E. Woods has been added as aircraft sales manager and will operate from the school's New York City office.

## *School Leases Hangar*

SOUTHERN AIR Service conducting a school, operating chartered planes, repairs and storage has leased the hangar facilities of American Airlines at the Memphis, Tenn., Municipal Airport.

William Kent is president, Frank Ward, Jr., secretary and treasurer, and Louis Hulett is in charge at the airport. The company is also sales agent for Stinson and Taylor Cub aircraft.

## *Howard Gets Honorary Degree*

OAKLAND COLLEGE of Engineers, Oakland, California, has awarded the honorary degree of Bachelor of Science to Royal V. Howard in recognition of his contribution to radio development. Howard has been an experimenter and developer of radio and television, and was for several years a research engineer for Western Air Express when radio was first being applied to air transportation. He aided in the building and selection of the radio equipment that Admiral Byrd took on his trip to the Antarctic, and is credited with having done much to solve radio problems. He is now chief engineer for station KTAB, San Francisco.

## *Twenty-five Students Registered*

TWENTY-FIVE students have enrolled in the Marion Flying Service, Marion airport at Marion, Ohio, according to Harold W. Cobb, head of the Flying Service, who said it is one of the largest schools in the state.

## *Bendix Aviation School Popular*

INAUGURATION OF an aviation ground school in South Bend, Ind., for the benefit of employees of the Bendix Products Corporation has met with unusual success and at present more than 50 students have enrolled and are regular attendants, according to O. C. Holaday, executive of the Bendix Products Corporation.

The ground school has for its chief instructor Capt. Charles R. Bowers, and direction of the school is in the hands of M. M. Cunningham, who is also director of the Bendix Automotive Service School. Capt. Bowers is an Army Reserve aviator and has specialized in maintenance work.

The school, in possession of the many products and devices developed by the Bendix Aviation Corp., gives a thorough course in ground instruction and meets three times a week with additional meetings contemplated.

## *New Ground School Opens*

A NEW GROUND school of aeronautics has been established at the Mueller-Harkins Airport, Tacoma, Wash., where H. A. Reed is in charge of ground work and Don Emmons is tutoring in flying. Included in the ground course are air commerce regulations, airplanes, engines and instruments.

## *CWA Port for School's Base*

REGULAR AVIATION classes will be opened on the new Altus, Okla., airport in the autumn as part of the program there of stimulating interest in flying, according to Paul Brown, airport supervisor. The new field, completed with CWA and FERA funds, now is the base for three planes including Brown's Monocoupe.



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# THE AIR SERVICES

## Reserve Corps Field Dedicated

HENSLEY FIELD, Army Air Corps reserve airport in Dallas, was dedicated recently with hundreds of army men and high ranking officers present. The widow of Col. William Hensley was present and honored at a banquet staged by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Col. Ira Longanecker, 8th Corps Area Commander, officially accepted the field from the city while Mayor Charles E. Turner delivered the dedicatory address. It is estimated that at least 200,000 persons saw the exercises and the maneuvers staged by the army pilots during the two-day ceremony.

Army pilots were tendered a banquet and dance and in turn staged battle maneuvers and a huge air circus which thrilled the thousands of spectators. Squadrons from all fields in the south and southwest were on hand for the dedication.

## New Army Base Proposed

ERECTION OF a \$3,000,000 air depot in Utah, either in Salt Lake City or in Ogden, is being considered by the U. S. Army Air Corps, according to Secretary of War George H. Dern. The depot, which will serve the western states, Alaska, Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines, would be manned by nearly 600 men with an annual payroll of \$1,000,000, staff officers declare. The depots at Rockwell Field and at Alameda, Calif., will not be abandoned nor will any of the California bases be transferred to Utah.

Three buildings will probably comprise the unit, the structures and the equipment estimated to cost between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

## King Makes First Ranger Landing

REAR ADMIRAL Ernest J. King, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, recently made the first regular landing on the new U. S. S. *Ranger* aircraft carrier operating off Lynnhaven Roads, Virginia. The *Ranger* was commissioned on June 4th and at present is conducting tests and trials at sea preparatory for her shakedown cruise.

Rear Admiral King, accompanied by Lieut. George Moffett, his aide, left the



Grumman SF-1, powered by a Wright Cyclone

Anacostia Naval Air Station in a scouting plane and upon arrival in Norfolk, changed to a plane equipped for deck landings.

## ARMY BUYS 81 PLANES AND 280 ENGINES

CONTRACTS FOR the purchase of planes and engines have been signed by the War Department as part of its program to build up the Army Air Corps. 81 Martin bombers valued at \$3,195,450 and 280 Wright engines worth \$1,705,733 were involved in the awards. The allotments are the first contracted for under the Department's new policy of competitive bidding of quantity purchases.

## Navy Buys Radio Beacon Receivers

TO INSTRUCT naval aviation personnel in the fundamentals of the operation of the Department of Commerce airways radio beacon system and to enable administration flights to be completed under all weather conditions, the Bureau of Aeronautics plans to procure forty-eight radio beacon receivers for certain ships and stations.

Twenty-three will go to the Naval Air Station at Anacostia; two each to the stations at Norfolk, San Diego and Pensacola; three each to the U.S.S. *Saratoga*, *Lexington* and *Ranger*; one each to the Commander-in-Chief, Commander of the Battle Force, Commander of the Cruiser Force, Commander of the Aircraft Battle Force and Commander of the Aircraft Base Force; two each to the Marine Corps at Quantico and San Diego and one to the transport plane at Sunnyvale, Calif.

## Weddington to Be Transferred

CAPT. HARRY Weddington, commander of Hensley Field, Dallas, will be transferred to Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., on September 1, being succeeded by Capt. Bernard S. Thompson, now stationed at Maxwell Field. Weddington has been in command of Hensley Field for several years and was active in its building and development. He is to take a year's training course in advanced air tactics at Maxwell Field.

## Guardsmen in Maneuvers

NINE DOUGLAS planes of the 103rd Observation Squadron, 28th Division Aviation, Pennsylvania National Guard, left the Philadelphia Airport for Middletown, Pa., where they are engaged in annual maneuvers with other P. N. G. units. Major J. V. Dallin is in command of the Philadelphia squadron.

## New Army Field Developing

HAMILTON FIELD, new bombing base in Marin County, Calif., is a vitally important unit of the coast defense system in the San Francisco Bay region.

The larger buildings include a hangar, 240 by 120 feet, with an adjoining shop of similar dimensions; an equipment warehouse, 200 by 111 feet, and a three-story building housing barracks and administration headquarters. Supplementing these are a radio station, paint and oil shop, electric substation and gas meter house, sewage and drainage pumping plants.

Officers' homes follow the Mexican type of architecture, and for the non-commissioned officers, there are a number of duplex houses. All residences and work buildings are modern in every respect.

Although the base now represents an investment of \$1,500,000, work has really only begun. Complete plans call for an expenditure of \$6,000,000 and the construction of four more sets of hangars and shops, several smaller shops, three more barracks, fifty more residences for officers and 20 more duplex houses for non-commissioned officers. Ultimately, the field will house 85 officers, 100 non-commissioned officers and 700 enlisted men, in addition to two bombing squadrons, one headquarters squadron and one service squadron.

The base borders on San Pablo Bay, about six miles north of San Rafael on a 927-acre tract and includes the flying field which is almost a mile square. Its military advantages are that it is on an arm of San Francisco Bay and therefore assured of excellent harbor facilities; it is near San Francisco, headquarters of the Ninth Army Corps Area; it is close enough to the coast-line to permit defensive work far out at sea and it is protected by mountain barriers from attack from the sea.

The project has involved many details, for it has a wide variety of work buildings and homes, eight miles of asphalt pavement, water and sewer systems, nearly three miles of gas mains, complete electric and telephone service and many other constructional features.



Grumman XJF-1 amphibian for the Navy



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## New Airworthiness Requirements

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● In the old method of High Angle of Attack load factor determination, only two parameters were employed, and straight line graphs of load factors for a given gross weight were plotted against weight/horsepower. The High Angle of Attack load factor was supposed to represent the condition in which a steep dive was followed by a violent pull-up.

Curves of this character can be criticized on the following grounds:

1. They do not take maneuverability into account, except in so far as increase in gross weight tends to decrease maneuverability. Other elements which enter into maneuverability are:

a. The inherent stability of the airplane.

b. The power and mechanical advantage of the elevators.

c. The cleanness of the airplane and hence its speed in the dive and rate of loss of speed in the subsequent recovery.

d. The amount of inertia of the airplane about the lateral axis through the center of gravity.

2. They exaggerate unduly the effect of loading/horsepower. To draw graphs of this character is really to assume that the final speed in a pull-up is dependent on the power loading. In the first stages of a dive the pull of the engine and the slipstream of the propeller acting on the tail surfaces certainly have an effect. Subsequently their effects disappear, and it is only in the later stages of the recovery that power loading again comes into play.

3. The graphs are arbitrarily broken up into three straight lines, and there is no reason for such discontinuity.

4. Atmospheric disturbances are not considered.

### The New Condition of Bulletin 7-A

The term High Angle of Attack Load Factor disappears in the new Airworthiness Requirements. It is now replaced by *Accelerated Flying Condition I (Maximum Up-Gust)*. This condition is defined as follows: (Section 15, A and B):

$n_{min}$  = minimum applied acceleration normal to basic wing chord.

AS A result of a number of amended drafts by the Department of Commerce and studies by the Airplane Manufacturers Section of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, the famous Aeronautics Bulletin No. 7-A will appear in a very much revised form. It will now be presumably divided into two parts, one being Airworthiness Requirements for Aircraft, Aeronautics Bulletin No. 7-A, and the other Design Information for Aircraft, Aeronautics Bulletin No. 26. As the new rules become effective August 1, we believe it quite timely to publish these remarks of Dr. Klemin on the effect which the new rules will have on the High Angle of Attack Condition.

$W$  = gross weight in pounds.  
 $p$  = power loading =  $W$ /rated horsepower.

$$n_{min} = 1.0 + \Delta n \left( \frac{15}{p} \right)^{.435}$$

where

$$\Delta n = 0.77 + 32 / \left( \frac{W}{1000} + 9.2 \right)$$

C.P. = most forward position between 0.75  $C_{Lmax}$  and  $C_{Lmax}$

$n_{min}$  = not less than 2.5 for any airplane.

In addition, a method of allowing for a 30 ft./sec. up-gust at top speed is described in Aeronautics Bulletin No. 26, *Design Information for Aircraft*.

### Significance of $n_{min}$ .

The significance of the expression

$$n_{min} = 1.0 + \Delta n \left( \frac{15}{p} \right)^{.435} = 1.0 + \left( \frac{0.77 + \frac{32}{W/1000 + 9.2}}{\frac{15}{p}} \right)^{.435}$$

is clear from the equation

Design Load Factor = L.F. = 1.5

$$\left[ 1.0 + \left( \frac{0.77 + \frac{32}{W/1000 + 9.2}}{\frac{15}{p}} \right)^{.435} \right]$$

In other words, instead of a Design Load Factor, the Department prefers to make an attempt to calculate the applied acceleration load and then to multiply the normal load + applied acceleration load by a safety factor of 1.5.

While the above article discusses ingeniously the character of the new curves, the facts remain:

1. That while the curves for Design Load Factor are smoothed out (which is a decided step forward), the present Design Load Factors and those obtainable by the new system remain practically the same.

2. Only the same two parameters are taken into consideration, namely, gross weight and power loading.

3. Calculation is just a trifle more difficult.

The first two criticisms of the old High Angle of Attack Condition cannot be said to have disappeared. Perhaps it is impossible to make them disappear.

### Maximum Up-Gust Allowance

On the other hand, for the first time in American requirements, consideration is given to gusts as follows:

1.  $U$  = maximum up-gust = 30 ft./sec. and reaches its full value in an infinitely short space of time.

2.  $V$  = design speed = top speed in level flight in feet/sec.

3.  $A_w$  = wing area in sq. ft.

4.  $s$  =  $W/A_w$  = wing loading in lbs./sq. ft.

5. The angle of incidence is increased, while the resultant speed remains un-

changed, by the amount  $\Delta \alpha = \frac{U}{V}$  in radians.

6. The change in lift coefficient

$$\Delta C_L = \frac{d C_L}{d \alpha} (\Delta \alpha) = \frac{d C_L}{d \alpha} \frac{U}{V} = m \frac{U}{V}$$

where

$$m = \frac{d C_L}{d \alpha_{\text{radians}}}$$

7. If  $\Delta n_g$  = applied acceleration load due to the gust

$$\Delta n_g W = \Delta C_L \rho / 2 V^2 A_w$$

8. So that  $\Delta n_g =$

$$\Delta C_L q \frac{A_w}{W} = \frac{\Delta C_L q}{s} = m \frac{U}{V} \frac{q}{s}$$

Before considering the question of the types of aircraft in which the maximum up-gust is important, it is convenient to put the formula for  $\Delta n_g$  in two different forms:

$$1. \Delta n_g = \frac{mU}{V} \cdot \frac{q}{s} = \frac{mU \rho / 2 V^2}{V s}$$

$$= \left( \frac{mU\rho}{2} \right) \frac{V}{s}$$

$$2. \Delta n_g = \frac{mU}{V} \frac{\rho / 2 V^2}{s} = \frac{mU}{V} \cdot \frac{\rho / 2 V^2}{C_L \rho / 2 V^2} = \frac{mU}{V C_L}$$

From these formulae, it is clear that the load due to the up-gust will: Increase as the aspect ratio increases (since  $m \frac{dC_L}{d\alpha}$  depends mainly on the aspect ratio); for a given wing loading increase with the speed, in order words, with "cleanness" and low power loading; for a given speed, increase with low wing loading, and for a given speed, increase as  $C_L$  of top diminishes.

In other words, the effects of an up-gust will be most severe on a ship of low wing-loading in which high speed has been attained by a combination of high power and aerodynamic efficiency. Effects will not be so severe on a ship in which speed has been mainly obtained by high wing-loading, and which has its top speed at a fair value of  $C_L$ . It also follows that if the wing loading is left unchanged, and head resistance decreased and power increased the effect of the up-gust will be felt more strongly.

The formula for gust load in terms of power loading, wing loading and aerodynamic efficiency is obtainable by neglecting the induced drag at high speed (which can be safely done for the modern airplane), and writing:

1. Parasite drag area =  $1.28 A_e$ , where  $A_e$  = equivalent flat plate area. (since the drag coefficient of a flat plate = 1.28 in absolute units).

2. Minimum drag coefficient =  $C_{D_0}$  = .01 for the average wing.

3. The total airplane drag at high Speed  $V = \rho / 2 [1.28 A_e + .01 A_w] V^2$

4. "Drag Efficiency Factor,"

$$e = \frac{.01 A_w}{1.28 + .01 A_w}$$

5. So that  $1.28 A_e + .01 A_w = \frac{.01 A_w}{e}$

6.  $HP \eta$  (where  $\eta$  = propeller efficiency) =  $\frac{DV}{\rho}$

$$\frac{550}{1100} [1.28 A_e + .01 A_w] V^2$$

$$7. V = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1100}{\rho} \frac{HP \eta}{(1.28 A_e + .01 A_w)}}$$

$$= 77.3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{HP \eta}{1.28 A_e + .01 A_w}}$$

$$= 77.3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{HP \eta}{.01 A_w/e}} = 77.3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{HP \eta e}{.01 A_w}}$$

8. Putting  $\eta = .8$

$$V = 332.5 \sqrt[3]{\frac{HP e}{A_w}}$$

$$332.5 \sqrt[3]{\frac{HP}{W} \frac{W}{A_w}} e = 332.5 \sqrt[3]{\frac{s e}{p}}$$

$$9. \text{ Then } \Delta n_g = \frac{mU \rho V}{2 S}$$

and putting  $n = 4.25$  as a fair average value,  $P = .00238$ , and  $U = 30$

$$\Delta n_g = \frac{4.25 (30) (.00238)}{2}$$

$$332 \sqrt[3]{\frac{s e}{p}} = 50.5 \sqrt[3]{\frac{e}{p s^2}}$$

$$10. n_g = .152 \frac{V}{s}$$

With this formula, granted that the designer knows the value of  $e$  from calculation or past experience, it should be possible to get the gust-load very quickly. Of course, if  $V$  is known,  $\Delta n_g$  will be obtainable still more quickly. We have set up this formula mainly to bring home the relationships existing between the various factors involved.

#### Calculations for e

In a Department of Commerce Memorandum to Manufacturers, dated December 27, 1932, the  $1.28 A_e$  values were

plotted against gross weight, and divided into four classes of various cleanness terms.

*Class 1.* Cantilever monoplane with retractable chassis, streamlined fuselage, well cowled engine, no external bracing.

*Class 2.* (a) Cantilever or wire-braced monoplane with cantilever or wire-braced chassis; wheel pants; streamlined fuselage; engine cowl or ring. (b) Biplane or externally braced monoplane with retractable chassis; streamlined fuselage; engine cowl or ring.

*Class 3.* (Better than average) Biplane or externally braced monoplane; with clean fuselage and chassis; engine cowl or ring.

*Class 4.* (Poorer than average) Externally braced airplane without anti-drag features.

The curves of this memorandum can be replotted with  $e$  plotted against the gross weight for each class, on the basis of the formula

$$e = \frac{.01 A_w}{1.28 A_e + .01 A_w}$$

In this case, however, a series of curves in each class (but for different wing loadings) must be prepared.

The sample calculations below illustrate the method:

1. A plane in Class 1:

$$W/A = 18, W = 8,000 \text{ lbs.}$$

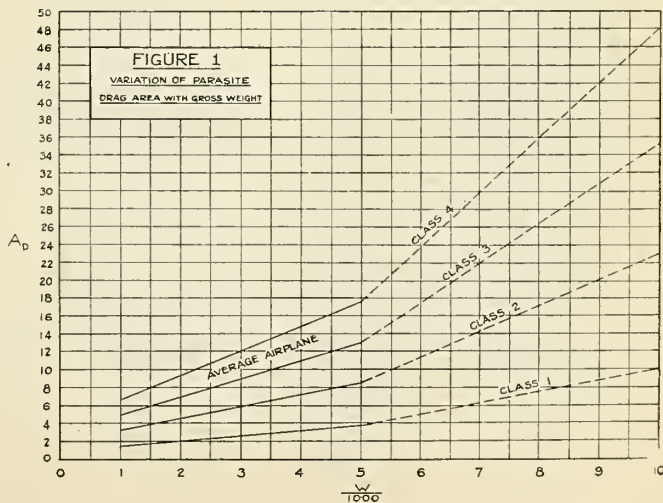
$$\text{Wing Area} = \frac{8000}{18} = 434 \text{ sq. ft.}$$

$$1.28 A_e = A_D = 7.5$$

(Fig. 1, from Department of Commerce Memorandum).

$$e = \frac{.01 A_w}{1.28 A_e + .01 A_w}$$

$$= \frac{.01 \times 434}{7.5 + .01 \times 434} = .366$$



2. Same ship as above, but in Class 3:

$$A_D = 26.5$$

$$e = \frac{4.34}{26.5 + 4.34} = .1405$$

3. Ship in Class 3:

$$W/A = 15$$

$$A_w = \frac{8000}{15} = 533 \text{ sq. ft.}$$

$$e = \frac{.01 \times 533}{26.5 + .01 \times 533} = .169$$

It is evident that the magnitude of  $e$  depends on the class and drops as wing loading is increased.

### Typical Calculations

On the basis of the above theoretical calculations and empirical curves for the drag efficiency factor  $e$ , a number of typical calculations are made in Table No. 1.

Table No. 1  
Summary of Results

Class	p	s	Vel. m.p.h.	Usual $\Delta n$	Gust $\Delta n$	Usual L.F.	Gust L.F.
1	5	10	228	4.3	5.1	7.96	9.15
1	10	15	196	3.15	2.9	6.22	5.85
1	10	20	200	3.15	2.23	6.22	4.85
1	15	10	158	2.63	3.52	5.45	6.78
1	15	15	169	2.63	2.51	5.45	5.26
2	12	10	146	2.7	3.25	5.55	6.37
2	12	15	151	2.7	2.25	5.55	4.88
2	15	10	137	2.63	3.06	5.45	6.1

### A Curious Result

The formula of the old type with (15/p).435 has for  $p$  the exponent—.435 and no mention of  $s$  the wing loading.

The new gust method gives  $p$  the exponent—.333.

Hence as  $p$  goes down the effect of it on the load becomes less marked with the gust method than with the old method.

Machines with high values of  $p$  and low values of  $s$  will tend to be designed by the new gust rule.

Modern machines with low values of  $p$  and high values of  $s$  will tend to be designed by the old H.A.A. rule.

A study of our typical calculations, confirms these points of view.

We arrive at this curious result. In designing a modern high powered, heavily loaded aircraft the designer need not bother about the gust calculation of Accelerated Flying Condition I. It will not affect the design of the front spar at all.

If an older type of aircraft is involved, particularly one in which the general efficiency is good, then gust conditions have to be carefully taken into account.

The introduction of the up-gust method is apparently a logical step, but the result of the new rule will be curious. Old type ships will have to be reinforced as far as front spars are concerned. These ships do not need strengthening and fortunately they already have an

A.T.C. New, very fast ships regarding whose strength there appears to be some slight doubt, will not be concerned with the new rule at all.

### An Alternative Interpretation

It should be added however that an alternative interpretation is possible in which  $\Delta n_g$  would be multiplied by  $\left(\frac{15}{p}\right)^{.435}$

This would be illogical since

## Recent Aeronautical Patents

The following patents of interest to readers of AERO DIGEST recently were issued from the United States Patent Office and compiled by R. E. Burnham, patent and trade-mark attorney, 511 Eleventh Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Airplane. William K. Rose, New York, N. Y. (1,962,411)

Trigger-operating mechanism for aircraft guns. Werner C. L. Haubroe, Copenhagen, Denmark. (1,962,591)

Cooling of internal combustion engines (air cooling of aircraft-engines). Frederick M. Green, Coventry, England, assignor to Armstrong Siddeley Motors, Ltd. (1,962,685)

Gyroscopic compass. Wolfgang Otto and Oskar Richter, Neumuhlen-Kiel, Germany. (1,962,749)

Airplane catapult. William M. Fellers, Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy, and Frederick B. Gross, McLean, Va. (1,963,081)

Airplane structural elements. Robert J. Minshall, Seattle, Wash., assignor to Boeing Airplane Co. (1,963,416)

Connecting rod design for radial engines. Fred G. Shoemaker, Ferndale, Mich., assignor to General Motors Research Corp. (1,963,423)

Airplane. Charles A. Blume, Venterville, Ind. (1,963,461)

Flying machine. Walter C. Pitter, Epping, England. (1,963,528)

Screw propeller. Ervin E. Roberts, Hartford, Conn. (1,963,531)

Supercharging organization for internal combustion engines. Edgar H. Crossen, Franklin, Pa., assignor to Franklin Valveless Engine Co. (1,963,613)

Amphibion landing gear for aircraft. Alexander ProcofiEFF Seversky, New York, N. Y., assignor to Seversky Aircraft Corp. (1,963,630)

Flying machine. Russell S. Powell, Tacoma Park, Md. (1,963,676)

Spark plug. Edward B. Nowosielski, Bloomfield, N. J., assignor to Eclipse Aviation Corp. (1,963,714)

Aerial banner. William A. (Tex.) Bohannon, Mineola, and Clara B. Gilbert, New York, N. Y. (1,963,772)

Landing sight for airplanes. Roland Chilton, Ridgewood, N. J. (1,963,826)

the calculation for  $\Delta n_g$  already takes in every factor including the power loading. The effect of such multiplication would be to make the gust load the predominant factor for powerfully engined machines, and would penalize very fast ships, arbitrarily, beyond the necessity of strength to meet upward gusts. The present article is being submitted for comment to Mr. Richard C. Gazley of the Department of Commerce.

Aeronautic instrument. Norman B. Hall, Chevy Chase, Md. (1,963,899)

Speed and drift indicator. Philip V. H. Weems, Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy (ret.) and Harold C. Gatty, Washington, D. C. (1,964,012)

Variable pitch and reversible airplane propeller. Ralph Wishon, San Francisco, Calif., assignor to Bendix Research Corp. (1,964,102)

Airplane. William A. Roth, St. Paul, and Henry J. Roth, New London, Minn. (1,964,179)

Control for aircraft and other vehicles. Ernest F. Goodyear, Moxhull Park, Joseph Wright, Stoke Park, and Henry Trevasakis, Keresley, Coventry, England, assignors to Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd., London, England. (1,964,383)

Airplane. Heraclio Alfaro, Cambridge, Mass. (1,964,418)

Gyro sextant. Scott B. McFarlane and Robert E. Jaspersen, U. S. Navy. (1,964,737)

Parachute pack harness. Stanley Switlik, Trenton, N. J. (1,964,864)

Capacity altimeter. Orin E. Marvel, Dayton, Ohio, assignor to Bendix Aviation Corp. (1,965,147)

Aircraft. Joseph M. Gwinn, Jr., Buffalo, N. Y., assignor to Consolidated Aircraft Corp. (1,965,185)

Sheet metal aircraft construction. Earl J. W. Ragsdale, Norristown, Pa., assignor to Edward G. Budd Mfg. Co. (1,965,258)

Design for an airplane. Hall L. Hibbard, Burbank, Calif., assignor to Lockheed Aircraft Corp. (Des. 92,654—Term of patent 14 years.)

Parachute harness. John A. Binnie, Philadelphia, Pa. (1,965,570)

Manipulation and support of aircraft maps. Clinton W. Howard, Dayton, Ohio. (1,965,593)

Method of making propeller blades. Fred E. Weick, Washington, D. C., assignor to Government of the United States. (1,965,622)

Means for measuring distances (for use on aircraft). Wolfgang F. Ewald, Berlin, Germany. (1,965,632)

Tetrahedral kite. Leo J. Fishel, New York, N. Y. (1,965,634)

# Aerodynamic Balancing of Control Surfaces

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● In a recent article in AERO DIGEST, the writer presented an expression for the determination of hinge moments for unbalanced control surfaces, based upon wind tunnel tests of large models. These tests, conducted at Massachusetts Institute of Technology have been extended to include a study of two types of balances; the inset hinge and the auxiliary flap. The inset hinge method is in common use and needs no explanation.

The auxiliary flap balance, in general, consists of a narrow flap hinged along the trailing edge of the control surface and connected to the fixed surface ahead of the control surface by a suitable linkage. When this control surface is given an angular displacement, the position of the flap with respect to the movable sur-

face modifies the flow conditions in such a way that the hinge moment is reduced. The method is shown diagrammatically in Fig. 2C for a parallel linkage, this being the assumed motion in the tests.

The comparatively recent use of this device has made it particularly desirable that some definite information be obtained as to the effectiveness of this method of balance, from the standpoint of hinge moment and lift and a determination of the most efficient proportions for the flap.

As a means of comparing the effectiveness of varying amounts of balance for a given angular displacement, the ratio of lift coefficient to hinge moment co-

efficient  $\left(\frac{C_L}{C_H}\right)$  is used as a figure of

merit. This is obviously the best means of comparison as it is the lift (lbs.) per pound foot of hinge moment required.

Coefficients and angle conventions are as shown in the accompanying graphs.

## The Inset Hinge

Preliminary to the study of the inset hinge type of balance an investigation was carried out to determine the optimum shape for the leading edge of the movable surface. Three leading edge contours were tested, namely, the elliptical, round, and sharp nose. For all conditions of balance and angular displacement of movable surface, the elliptical nose gave substantially lower hinge moments and for this reason all further tests were made using this nose.

Fig. 1A is a plot of  $C_L$  and  $C_H$  vs.  $\beta$  at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  for three hinge insets, .05  $C'$ , .15  $C'$ , .25  $C'$ , where  $C'$  is the elevator chord through the centroid of the elevator. This plot gives a clear picture of the effect of this method of balance upon the lift and hinge moments. Moving the

hinge back reduces the slope  $\left(\frac{dC_H}{d\beta}\right)$ ,

spreading the curves fanwise about the origin. The loss in lift is negligible until large elevator angles ( $\beta = 30^\circ$ ) are reached, where the effect of the gap is felt.

Fig. 1B is a plot of balance "effectiveness"  $\left(\frac{C_L}{C_H}\right)$  against amount of hinge

inset in percent of  $C'$ . It is seen that

the greatest gain is realized in range between .15  $C'$  and .25  $C'$  where the hinge

moment approaches zero and  $\frac{C_L}{C_H}$

becomes infinitely large. Moving the hinge any further to the rear would cause an undesirable overbalanced condition. At large angular displacements ( $\beta = 30^\circ$ ) the loss in lift is coupled with a rapid increase in hinge moments due to the stalling of the surface and the inset hinge yields practically no gain. This is true in general for all aerodynamic balances when the surface is stalled.

In the aforementioned article, (which appeared in the April, 1934, issue of AERO DIGEST), it was demonstrated, that sufficiently close for engineering pur-

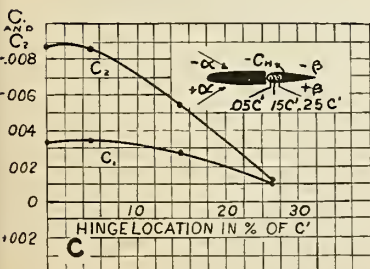
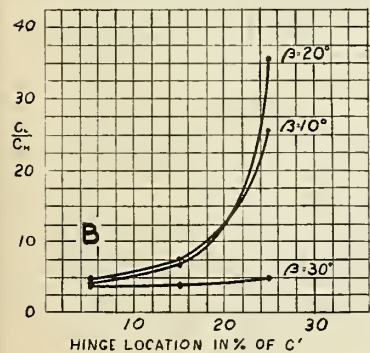
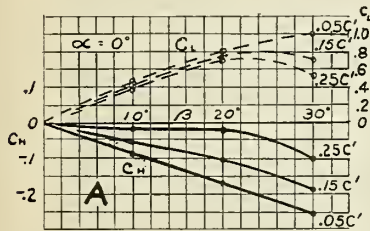


Figure 1. Inset hinge plots

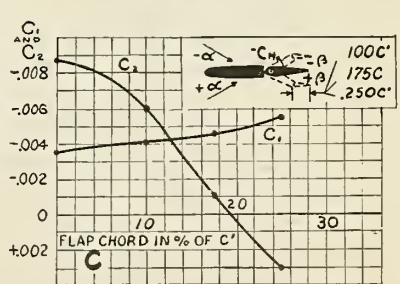
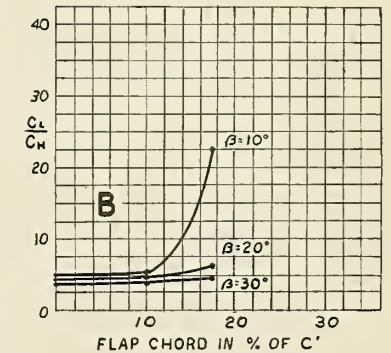
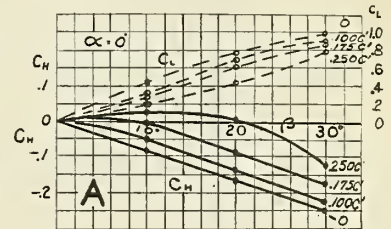


Figure 2. Auxiliary flap

poses, the hinge moment coefficient  $C_H$  may be expressed:

$$C_H = C_1\alpha + C_2\beta \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\text{where } C_1 = \frac{dC_H}{d\alpha} \text{ and } C_2 = \frac{dC_H}{d\beta}$$

or the slopes of the plot  $C_H$  against  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively. The angle of attack of the tail ( $\alpha$ ) is expressed:

$$\alpha = \alpha_w - \epsilon + \alpha_0$$

where  $\alpha_w$  = angle of attack of wing with respect to wing chord (deg.)

$\epsilon$  = angle of downwash (deg.)

$\alpha_0$  = angle of stabilizer setting with respect to wing chord (deg.)

Fig. 1C is a plot of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  vs. hinge inset covering the entire range of balance from zero to 25%  $C'$ . The designer can pick from this plot values of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  for any degree of balance and calculate  $C_H$  for a given angle of attack of the tail  $\alpha$  and a given elevator displacement  $\beta$ . The hinge moment,  $H$ , is then determined by the relation

$$H = C_H C' S_e q \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

where  $H$  = moment about elevator hinge (pound feet)

$C_H$  = non-dimensional coefficient of hinge moment

$C'$  = mean elevator chord (feet)

$S_e$  = elevator area (square feet)

$q$  = dynamic pressure ( $\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2$ )

### Auxiliary Flap

Fig. 2A, 2B, 2C, are corresponding plots for the auxiliary flap type of balance with a parallel linkage and the flap extending the full length of the trailing edge.

Fig. 2A is a plot of  $C_L$  and  $C_H$  vs.  $\beta$  at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  for four values of the auxiliary flap chord expressed in percent of the mean chord, namely, 0.00  $C'$ , 0.100  $C'$ , 0.175  $C'$  and 0.250  $C'$ . It is seen that for the parallel linkage with the 0.250  $C'$  flap the elevator is overbalanced throughout the greater part of its angular range, and is therefore undesirable. For the 0.175  $C'$  flap,  $C_H$  is greatly reduced, the control becoming slightly unstable at small elevator angles. For this reason it is probably unwise to exceed this value of flap size if a parallel linkage is used.

This method of balance is shown by the curves to be much more effective at small elevator angles than for large angles, since the effect of flap is to shift the plot of  $C_H$  vs.  $\beta$  parallel to itself (if we neglect the overbalanced condition),

$$\text{so that the slope } \frac{dC_H}{d\beta} \text{ remains un-}$$

changed except at small values of  $\beta$  where it is greatly reduced and consequently this type of balance is very effective in this range. With this in mind, it appears to be an ideal arrangement to minimize the effort of the pilot of a high speed transport airplane in applying the continual and small control

displacements necessary in cross-country flight, without giving him excessive control at large values of control angle and thereby increasing the possibility of overloading the structure.

The auxiliary flap offers, for the same reason, an excellent means of trim for small airplanes, by the use of a simple control whereby the initial setting of the linkage may be varied from the cockpit, and dispensing with stabilizer adjustment.

In Fig. 2B, the plot of balance "effectiveness", it is seen that for flap chords

$$\text{of less than } 0.100 C' \text{ the value of } \frac{C_L}{C_H}$$

is substantially the same as that for zero balance and therefore represents no gain.

For the 0.175  $C'$  flap and elevator angles ( $\beta$ ) in the neighborhood of  $10^\circ$ ,

$$\frac{C_L}{C_H} \text{ becomes very large. As } \beta \text{ is in-}$$

creased there is a decided drop in  $\frac{C_L}{C_H}$

until at  $\beta = 30^\circ$  its value is not much greater than that for zero balance.

The use of the 0.250  $C'$  flap with a suitable linkage arranged to provide smaller angular displacements of the flap (than the parallel linkage) at small elevator angles, and larger flap displacements at large elevator angles, offers the possibility of reducing the hinge moment coefficient to very small values and main-

taining large values of  $\frac{C_L}{C_H}$  over a large range of elevator angle, without the undesirable overbalanced condition.

Fig. 2C is a plot of  $C^1$  and  $C^2$  for the auxiliary flap type of balance with a parallel linkage. The  $C_2$  plot is for  $\beta$  up to  $10^\circ$ . For values of  $\beta$  greater than  $10^\circ$  the effect of this type of balance is to shift the plot  $C_H$  vs.  $\beta$  parallel to itself for all amounts of flap balance (excluding the overbalanced 25%  $C'$  flap.) The hinge moment coefficient in this case would be determined in two steps—first by multiplying the value of  $C_2$  (for a particular degree of balance) by  $10^\circ$  and then multiplying the value of  $C_2$  for zero balance by the remaining angle above  $10^\circ$ . then  $C_H = C_1\alpha + C_2\beta$  for  $\beta < 10^\circ$  and  $C_H = C_1\alpha + [10C_2 + \beta C_{2(10)}]$  for  $\beta > 10^\circ$  where  $\beta' = \beta - 10^\circ$  and  $C_{2(10)} = C_2$  for zero balance.

Since, for the auxiliary flap,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  vary somewhat with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , (the mean value being plotted) and because of necessity for the above treatment of the expression for  $C_H$ , the method becomes more of an approximation than is the case for the inset hinge. Also, only the parallel linkage is considered. However, the curves should prove a useful index for the design of this type of balance because of the lack of data on this subject and enable the designer to more intelligently estimate the linkage when one other than the parallel type is designed.

## Digest of Technical Articles from Foreign Publications

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### Airplane Control Surfaces

*Aerodynamic Moments of Various Control Surfaces (Moments aérodynamiques de différentes gouvernes), P. Rebuffet. Publications Scientifiques et Techniques du Ministère de l'Air, Service des Recherches de l'Aéronautique, No. 41, 1934, 117 pp., 91 figs.*

THE TWO experimental studies described were recently completed in the small wind tunnel of the Service. An aileron, formed by a small auxiliary sliding wing, and control surfaces in the form of a V have been investigated and the results compared with those obtained for the usual types of ailerons and tail surfaces. With the auxiliary sliding wing and at the usual angles of incidence, it was found that yawing moments were four to five times smaller than with those produced by the differential deflection of the ailerons for the same rolling moments. The control surfaces in V form, which were tested on the Model B with a total surface 12 per cent lower than that

of usual empennages, passed the trimming limits in longitudinal stability by 29 to 36.8 per cent and slightly improved the directional stability. It was also found that the presence of engine nacelles on the model was doubly destabilizing because of the interference of the wing and fuselage and also because of the effect of downwash on the tail surfaces. With the V-form control surfaces, this second effect was reduced.

### Airplane Dope

*Aeroplane Doping Schemes, J. J. A. Gilmore. Aircraft Engineering, Vol. 6, No. 64, June, 1934, pp. 161 and 164.*

DEVELOPMENT OF dope for airplanes since 1911 is traced and modern methods are described. The author explains why nitro cellulose is used at present. He takes up British performance-test requirements and outlines the methods of testing doped surfaces for tautness, elasticity, brittleness, adhesion, inflammability, rate of burning, increase of weight, and durability.

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## Seaplane Take-Off

*Motion of Flying Boats during Take-off and Landing Run, T. Ogawa and Y. Murata. Tokio Imperial University, Aeronautical Research Institute—Report No. 105, Vol. 8, No. 9, April, 1934, pp. 291-334, 26 figs. In Japanese with abstract in English.*

TAKE-OFF and landing of the N and Dornier Wal flying boats was measured photographically by a method described in a previous report and the results compared with data obtained in tank experiments. It was found that the water-resistance curve obtained from the take-off of full-scale flying boats was about the same at maximum values as that of the tank. The water-resistance curve for the take-off of the N flying boat had two humps, the first hump speed being smaller than that obtained in the tank and for speeds greater than hump speed, the water resistance was much less than expected from tank experiments. The water-resistance curve for landing differed considerably from that for take-off, while the hump speed was less with the flat-bottom Dornier hull than with the Vee-bottom N hull. Trimming angle was almost constant for the planing stage and the heaving curves showed fair agreement for full-scale and tank experiments.

## Fuel Consumption

*Comparative Tests with Petrol and Butane on Air and Water-Cooled Aircraft Engines, P. H. Stokes and F. G. Code Holland. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1570, July, 1933 (published May 31, 1934), 66 pp., 28 figs., 12 tables.*

IN ORDER to ascertain how the performance of a gasoline engine may be affected by imperfect distribution of liquid fuel, comparative tests were made on a Jupiter VIII engine at ground level conditions and on a supercharged Kestrel engine under various altitude conditions, using both gasoline and vaporized butane. The results of the tests appear to prove that losses through inequality of fuel distribution cannot be greater than about 5 per cent and are therefore of secondary importance. However, the great deal of accurate data upon the efficiency-power relationship, which are given for aircraft engines of both the supercharged and normally aspirated types and at altitudes up to 23,000 ft., are probably more complete than any hitherto published.

## Engine Progress

*The Aviation Engines in 1934 (Les moteurs d'aviation en 1934) M. Martinot-Lagarde. Revue Générale de L'Aéronautique, No. 17, 1934, pp. 85-129, 21 figs., 4 tables.*

DESIGNS OF the 1934 models of aircraft engines are discussed by the French Inspector-General of Aeronautics. After reviewing the general trend since the Paris

Salon de 'Aéronautique in 1930, he takes up in a general way tendencies in the design of American, British, French, German, Italian and Czechoslovakian engines. He then covers the principal characteristics in detail including power, lubricants, fuels, cooling and fuel consumption, and devotes ten pages to superchargers, taking up questions of drive, number of supercharger speeds, comparison of types, position, tests of supercharged engines, and control of the air admitted. He continues a discussion of engines cooled by water and air and describes some mechanical and constructive improvements, as well as engine accessories. He concludes with the specifications of the small engines produced by the various countries for sport airplanes.

## Frictional Drag

*The Frictional Drag of Flat Plates Below the Critical Reynolds Number, A. Fage. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1580, April 21, 1933 (published June 19, 1934), 7 pp., 3 figs.*

AT THE low Reynolds Numbers measurements were made on two small plates 0.125 and 1 in. long, respectively, mounted in a small water tunnel, whereas at the high Reynolds Numbers the frictional drag was measured on a 5-in. plate in a 1-ft. open-jet wind tunnel. The drag on each plate was predicted from changes of momentum in the fluid flowing along its surface. The velocity measurements needed for these predictions were obtained for the small plates by a technique involving the use of an ultra-microscope and for the 5-in. plate by small pressure tubes. From the analysis of these and other results, the conclusion was reached that over a wide range the drag is given fairly closely by the Blasius relation, whereas over the lowest range the measured drag is higher than the Blasius value.

## Italian Wind Tunnel

*Experimental Reports of the Aerodynamic Laboratory of the Superior Royal Institute of Engineering of Turin (Rendiconti sperimentali del laboratorio di aeronautica del R. Istituto superiore di ingegneria di Torino) L'Aerotecnica, Vol. 12, No. 4, April, 1934, pp. 359-434, 78 figs., bibliography.*

CONSTRUCTIVE and aerodynamic characteristics of the open-throat 2-meter (6.56-ft.) wind tunnel of the Institute are described with details of the balance used for model airplanes and propellers. The coefficient of turbulence for the tunnel, which is very high, is calculated according to Dryden and Kuethe. The data obtained with the R. A. F. 15 and 28 and the Goettingen 420 airfoils in other wind tunnels are compared with those secured in this tunnel. Test results on 13 types of wings and airplanes, an automobile and two propellers are illustrated and dis-

cussed. Thrust- and torque-coefficient and efficiency curves are given for both propellers while for one propeller the coefficients of drift and moment for a 20° deviation are also derived.

## Engine Cowling

*Engine Cowling with Special Reference to the Air-Cooled Engine, J. D. North. Royal Aeronautical Society Journal, Vol. 38, No. 283, July, 1934, pp. 566-603, and (discussion) pp. 603-612, 29 figs.*

MAIN PROBLEMS which have influenced the development of the low-drag radial aircraft-engine cowling are discussed. After an historical resume, the author points out the means whereby the cooling resistance may be reduced and compares the N. A. C. A. cowling with the Townend ring. He gives particular details of the Townend ring and takes up the factors on which depend the best angle of ring chord and chord length and explains the practical considerations governing body shapes and the interference phenomenon. He compares model and full-scale results and illustrates Boulton and Paul combined exhaust collectors and Townend rings.

The discussion following the paper includes one contributed by Dr. Watter, who compares the Townend ring with a design of cowling on which he has been working. The author replies to these criticisms and comments on Dr. Watter's article in the January issue of AERO DIGEST.

## Convection Currents in Gas

*On the Uplift Acting upon a Heated Fibre Vertically Suspended in Gas, Y. Takenouti. Tokio Imperial University, Aeronautical Research Institute—Report No. 106, Vol. 8, No. 10, May, 1934, pp. 337-384, 14 figs.*

WHEN A fine body, such as silk fiber, is illuminated by strong radiation, it is acted upon by an uplift due to the fact that the temperature of the body rises relative to that of the surrounding gas and convection currents are generated near the body by which the body is dragged along. The report investigates the effect of the nature and pressure of the surrounding gas upon the uplift and discusses the relation of the experimental formulas obtained to the differential equations for thermal convection. Uplift was determined by the product of the coefficient of viscosity and the velocity gradient of the gas at the surface of the body. As the velocity gradient of the gas was smaller for the more viscous gas, no remarkable dependency upon the viscosity was expected, and the effect of the temperature gradient in the gas upon the velocity gradient became predominant over the effect of viscosity. Convection currents near the electrically heated wire were investigated by means of smoke.

## Bending of Steel Beams

*On Yield Points of Mild Steel Beams under Uniform Bending, F. Nakanishi, M. Ito and K. Kitamura. Tokio Imperial University, Aeronautical Research Institute—Report No. 104, Vol. 8, No. 8, March, 1934, pp. 274-289, 11 figs.*

MILD STEEL beams of a cross section asymmetrical about the neutral axes were investigated under uniform bending and the yield points determined. It was found that one side generally yielded before the other, the first yield point corresponding to the bending moment under which one side began to yield and the second yield point to that of the other. Equations are developed for calculating both yield points and the deflections at these points and the calculated results are shown to agree with experimental data.

## Engine Cowling

*Research on the Cowling of Radial Air-Cooled Engines (Recherches sur le capotage des moteurs en étoile refroidissement par l'air), M. Giqueaux. Publications Scientifiques et Techniques du Ministère de l'Air, Service des Recherches de L'Aéronautique, No. 42, 1934, 50 pp., 34 figs.*

AFTER REVIEWING the research undertaken on engine cowlings in the United States, England, and in France, the author describes the results of his tests in an Eiffel-type wind tunnel, covering the aerodynamic resistance, the cooling of the engine and the form of the flow of air over various types of radial engine cowlings. The models tested included a series of ring cowlings designed by the Service, four rings furnished by the Morane-Saulnier company, and three cowlings designed by the Yacco company which completely enveloped the engine and regulated the air admitted inside the cowling. The author discusses the influence of the number of cylinders, inside cowling profile, as well as that in the front and rear, longitudinal displacement, interior body of the ring, and incidence, and points out the effects of power and of a body situated at the rear of the engine.

# The Porterfield "Flyabout"

● Developed after a year of intensive research, the Flyabout, a two-place high-wing cabin monoplane has been introduced by the Porterfield Aircraft Corp., of Kansas City, Mo. The debut of this new plane also heralds the return to the aeronautical manufacturing industry of E. E. Porterfield, Jr., who a few years ago was prominently identified with one of the leading manufacturers of sport and training aircraft.

The plane, which was designed by Noel R. Hockaday who is in charge of production, has a tandem seating arrangement, and with dual controls is adaptable for flight instruction, cross-country and sport flying, and for passenger carrying. In addition to plenty of space in the cabin to provide pilot and passenger comfort, the plane features wide cabin doors and the latest appointments in interior finishings and instruments. Maximum visibility is provided by the extensive use of fore and side window space.

A sturdy 7.00 × 4 Firestone air-wheeled landing gear with two shock cord rings and a tread of 66 inches, combined with a gliding angle which permits the use of small fields and restricted areas, allows the pilot to make safe landings on many types of terrain.

The fuselage, of chrome-molybdenum steel tubing, is built up according to the Warren truss system which eliminates

the necessity for cross-wiring. Covering is with Flightex fabric. Wings have wood ribs and spars, while the tail section is entirely of chrome-molybdenum steel tubing. An adjustable stabilizer, controlled by means of a cable operated from the pilot's cockpit, is provided. Attached to the fin post is a leaf-spring tail skid. Streamlined steel tube struts are used to brace the wings at either side of the body.

With a wing span of 32 feet, length of 20 feet and an overall height of 6 feet 7 inches, the Flyabout presents a small and compact appearance, enhanced by its blue and vermilion color scheme. It can be powered either with a LeBlond 60 or LeBlond 70 engine, equipped with a wood propeller, and has a top speed of 115 miles an hour. Cruising at 100 miles an hour, a range of 340 miles is possible and as provision is made to carry 15 gallons of fuel, consumption is at the rate of better than 22 miles to the gallon.

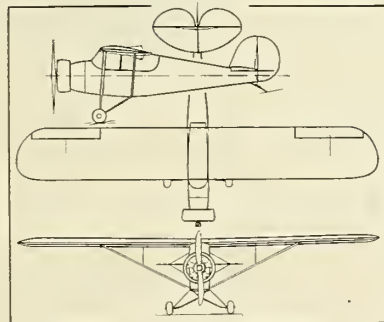
Standard equipment includes a Pyrene fire extinguisher, dual controls, first aid kit, 4-ply air wheels and the following instruments: altimeter, oil temperature gauge, oil pressure gauge, tachometer and ignition switch. A Townend ring can be installed at the factory upon request of the purchaser.

Specifications of the Porterfield Flyabout are as follows:

Wing span	32 feet
Overall length	20 feet
Overall height	6 feet 7 inches
Wing area	147 square feet
Chord	54.5 inches
Weight, empty	702 pounds
Gross weight	1180 pounds
Fuel capacity	.15 gallons
Oil capacity	2.5 gallons

### Performances

Maximum speed	115 miles an hour
Cruising speed	100 miles an hour
Landing speed	40 miles an hour
Climb	800 feet per minute
Take off	200 feet
Cruising radius	340 miles



Outlines of the Porterfield "Flyabout"



Two-place LeBlond-powered sport plane produced by the Porterfield Aircraft Corp.

# Five-place Amphibion designed by Capt. Frank Courtney for Curtiss-Wright



● A new five-place biplane amphibion, combining high performance and large load carrying capacity with many novel constructional features, has been designed by Capt. Frank Courtney for the Curtiss-Wright Corporation. This design will be discussed more fully in a special article by Capt. Courtney in the next issue of AERO DIGEST.

Anodized and painted Alclad is used throughout in the construction of the hull, while tail surfaces are of dural protected from corrosion. Wings have beams and ribs of spruce and duralumin is used for the ailerons. The vertical fin, built integral with the hull, is also of Alclad.

A pilot and four passengers can be accommodated in the cabin, arranged either with the pilot in front alone and four seats behind, or with dual control side-by-side seats in front and three passengers behind. With the former arrangement the two front passenger seats can be reversed and a table placed between the passengers.

A luggage compartment with a capacity of 18 cu. ft. is located forward with a hatch accessible from the forward deck and another compartment, this one of 21 cu. ft., aft, accessible either from the deck or passenger cabin. Entrance to the cabin is through a hatch in front and owing to the position of the engine and propeller, passengers are free from oil and the slipstream.

Biplane wings, with a large stagger, permit the lower wing to be placed be-

hind the passenger cabin, enhancing passenger visibility. The biplane arrangement also allows use of 40-foot wing span (upper wing), thus enabling the plane to be accommodated either in a private hangar or aboard a yacht. All external bracing is by means of rigid struts. Ailerons are on the lower wing only.

The main landing wheels are behind the center of gravity, so that on landing, the machine lands normally, but gradually falls forward on to a third wheel in the nose. The behavior of the ship on landing is thus the same on land as on water. This arrangement enables the main wheels to be withdrawn completely into the hull without interfering with passenger accommodation, and also avoids ground-looping. By placing the main wheels behind the center of gravity, not only is a ground-looping tendency reversed, but it is possible to apply the brakes fully at any time without any risk. The nose wheel support retracts into a mast at the bow of the hull. This mast is useful as a handhold when docking, mooring, etc. In its retracted position, the nose wheel also acts as an adjustable bumper.

A Wright Whirlwind engine of 365 h.p. (maximum output) and operated on 73 octane gasoline is used. At 2100 r.p.m., 350 h.p. is available. The propeller, carried aft on a short extension shaft, is 31 inches from the engine shaft and is clear of the front of the cabin.

The use of the extension shaft enables a streamline cowling to fit around the engine unit, leading to low drag and high propeller efficiency.

The nose of this cowl is in itself the oil tank, an arrangement which provides efficient oil cooling.

The amphibion has an overall length of 31 ft., is 11 ft. 8 in. high (from the hull bottom and with the wheels down) on land and has an overall height of 12 ft. 2 inches. The gross weight is 4650 lbs., and 120 lbs., can be used either for additional equipment, extra fuel, radio or special instruments. With the landing gear removed, the ship as a flying boat can accommodate another 400 lbs. for payload or fuel.

Maneuverability and control on the water is enhanced by a double water rudder connected by springs to the main rudder control. In the air, longitudinal trim is provided by tabs on the elevators, controllable from the pilot's seat.

## Specifications

Wing span, upper	40 feet
Wing span, lower	35 feet
Length overall	31 feet
Height overall	12 feet
Horsepower, Wright Whirlwind	365

## Areas (Square Feet)

Upper wing	179.2
Lower wing, including ailerons	149.8
Ailerons	25.36
Stabilizer	30.82
Elevator	16.84
Rudder	11.60
Fin	27.75

## Weights (Pounds)

Pilot	170
Four passengers	680
Baggage	120
Gasoline (80 gallons)	480
Oil (6.75 gallons)	50
Marine gear, etc.	50
Weight, empty	2980
Total weight	4530

## Performances

Top speed	151 miles per hour
Cruising speed	125 miles per hour
Cruising range	550 miles
Rate of climb (sea level)	.835 feet per min.
Service ceiling	14,000 feet
Absolute ceiling	16,200 feet



Side view of the Curtiss-Wright Amphibion at rest on the water

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## Fuel Injection Pump For Diesel Engines

• A STANDARD fuel injection pump for high-speed Diesel engines has been announced by the Ex-Cell-O Aircraft and Tool Corp., Detroit, Mich., through C. R. Alden, research engineer, in a paper given at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Annual Convention of the Oil and Gas Power Section, State College, Pennsylvania.

Most engines manufactured heretofore in the United States have used foreign built fuel injection pumps.

The fuel injection pump system is sturdy, simple, compact and light in weight, and is one of the few, if not the only, successful types made in the U. S.

The pump consists of the drive unit and the hydraulic unit, the former mounted directly on the engine, thus making it practically a part of the engine structure. This enables the engine builder to eliminate several parts and operations and will not permit misalignment which causes rapid wear.

The hydraulic unit is removable and is furnished as a sealed assembly. This requires a minimum amount of time for servicing, all of the precision or hydraulic parts of the pump being replaced as a unit.

Incorporated as an integral part and located on top of the fuel injection pump is a secondary filtering unit. The fuel oil must pass through this filter before entering the hydraulic unit. A two-step filter is employed, the first being a specially woven wood fabric and the next a

spirally wound edge filter. A fuel transfer pump is available for delivering oil to the injection pump if there is not sufficient gravity head.

## Portable Service Platform

• EASTERN AIR Lines has developed a new stand which permits mechanics and inspectors to reach parts of the transport planes which heretofore were accessible only with difficulty.

This portable platform makes it convenient to overhaul or inspect the wing, nacelle structure and engines, independent of any overhead support. It is thus possible to work on the planes out-of-doors as easily as in hangars.

The construction, and the method of using the servicing platform is as follows: The main supporting member is a large steel tube with the necessary base members and steel ladders welded to it. The platform may be raised or lowered to any desired height by a hand crank operated from the ground and may be clamped in any position. The railings may be unshipped from their sockets when full clearance is desired and two men may conveniently work on the platform without danger of tipping over. The entire structure is rugged and its large casters permit easy transportation about the shop. Many uses have been found for this device and it has eliminated unsightly and awkward ladders and scaffoldings formerly required for servicing and cleaning the large transports.

## Nuway Gas-Oil Adapter

• A METHOD whereby a gasoline burning internal combustion engine can be converted into a fuel oil burner has been developed by Nuway Engineering Corp., Detroit. By using a new fuel oil adapter, the distillate is brought to a low combustion point where it is said to operate at higher efficiency than gasoline and eliminate the problem of the weight and size of Diesel and semi-Diesel engines. The adapter can be used on any gasoline engine and adds only five to seven pounds to the weight of the engine.

In recent tests made by Prof. F. J. Linsenmeyer, Director of Mechanical Engineering, University of Detroit, without any carburetor adjustments or other mechanical changes, a decrease of 24.2 per cent in fuel consumption was shown when running full throttle on oil, together with an increase in r.p.m. The engine developed 87 h.p. maximum at 1700 r.p.m. and used 500 c.c. of oil in 56 seconds as against 81 h.p. at 1650 r.p.m. while using 500 c.c. of high test gasoline in 46.8 seconds at full throttle.



Determining stabilizer flutter characteristics of the Lockheed Electra

## Vibration Tester

• POSSIBILITY OF destructive flutter developing in the control surfaces of modern high-speed airplanes, is substantially eliminated by the use of a machine that determines the natural frequencies of vibration of all major parts of the airplane. The machine makes it possible to eliminate the hazard of destructive flutter which may occur at high speeds when control surfaces have the same natural periods of vibration as the structure which supports them.

If two parts are found to have the same or similar rate of vibration, at least one of the parts is redesigned to separate the frequencies. Heretofore a flight test was required to determine the vibration periods, but with this new device the necessary testing can be done accurately in the factory before the airplane leaves the ground.

The illustration shows the device being used to determine the flutter characteristics of the horizontal stabilizer of the Lockheed *Electra* airliner. A shaft, connected eccentrically to a small flywheel run by an electric motor, transmits the impulses through springs to the stabilizer, which responds when its natural frequency is reached. All parts of the *Electra* were tested in this manner.

## Westport Dynamotor For Aircraft Radios

• A LIGHT-WEIGHT and compact dynamotor which eliminates B and C batteries has been introduced by Westport Manufacturing Co., Glendale, Calif., for use in conjunction with aircraft radio receivers.

The unit consists of a motor generator which draws 12- or 6-volt current from an aircraft A battery and delivers proper



Portable servicing platform used by Eastern Air Lines at its servicing base

B and C voltages. To operate from 12- or 6-volt A batteries, models are available for delivering 180 and 90 volts at 60 milliamperes; 180, 90 and minus 12 volts at 40 milliamperes, and 250 and 125 volts at 50 milliamperes. The ratio of power output to input is high.

Complete with filter, the dynamotor weighs less than seven pounds, and its cadmium plated steel case and mounting base measure 7 by 6 by 3 inches overall. It may be mounted in any convenient place in the plane, and requires only one cable, the conventional B-battery lead.

A dynamotor, recommended for use when the A battery is equipped with a battery charging generator delivers constant plate voltage to the receiver, while B batteries experience a constant drop in voltage during use.

## Flexible Seamless All-Metal Hose

• THE FLEXIBLE seamless all-metal hose produced by the Seamlex Corp., Long Island City, N. Y., for conveying steam, gases, liquids, powdered materials and for vacuum and high pressure uses, is the culmination of years of effort which has given a product unique in mechanical and engineering design.

The product boasts exceptional flexibility and strength as a result of its deep convolutions; it avoids detrimental internal stresses when tightening the end connections and has adequate wall thickness in correct proportion to the diameter of the tube to effectively resist maximum stress and corrosion.

Left hand helical corrugations terminating in straight uncorrugated ends for flaring, eliminate soldering, brazing, and welding. The plain end connections, made in one piece, and suitable for solderless, brazeless and packless fittings, are ideal for high-temperature service.

Produced in bronze, steel, aluminum, monel, silver and other metals, Seamlex comes in sizes ranging from 1-16 inch to 2 inch I.D. By study, investigation, and test, the company has developed a unique raw material which is continuously being subjected to tests of chemical composition, crystalline structure, internal stress, ductility, temper, tensile strength and elongation as well as corrosive resistance, and interior and exterior physical condition.

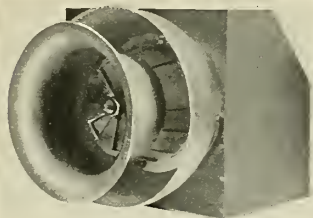
## Binks Spray Gun Unit

• A NEW production spray gun, known as the H. D. B. No. 5, which is claimed to reduce material costs and provide other advantages, has been introduced by the H. D. B. Corp., Chicago, Ill.

During the past five years finishing methods have changed considerably due largely to the fact that solid content of

materials has been increased, making them more difficult to break up and apply with the ordinary spray gun. Also, new finishing materials have been developed which have been found difficult to apply with the ordinary type of equipment in many cases, and production speeds have been increased demanding faster finishing equipment to keep pace with other developments.

This new gun is said to be unique in body design. Perfectly balanced, having all moving parts constructed in one line to eliminate off-side pulls, it will operate consistently over a much longer period than is customary without replacement of any of the parts. It features a new-type nozzle head and operates on a new principle, producing a highly atomized break-up of material, with actual forward speed of the spray reduced to such an extent that a very noticeable portion of the usual spray mist is eliminated. Another advantage claimed is that material which has already been applied and which is still wet is not rippled as formerly, eliminating the objectionable orange peel effect.



Bullard horizontal siren

## Directional Coding Siren

• THESE SIRENS, produced by E. D. Bullard, San Francisco, Calif., are built in sizes from 1 to 15 horsepower, both in vertical and horizontal types. The illustration shows a 1 horsepower, horizontal siren, and pictures the directional parabolic deflector and projector which control the direction of the sound signal. After continued tests, this design has proved effective in regulating directional sound control.

Sirens may be equipped with a coding mechanism, operated by a shutter which opens and closes the ports and intake area on the stator, through which the sound travels. When the shutter is open, the sound comes out in full volume. When closed, approximately 95 per cent of the sound is restrained. The shutter is operated either manually or automatically by a solenoid and its action is immediate, effecting a quick and sharp code signal.

Literature describing these sirens and also fractional horsepower sirens may be obtained from the manufacturer.

## MEET ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT

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say that it doesn't take any courage to face your own father and tell him that he has made a bad move; but this young man's father happens, by the grace of God and Jim Farley, to be President of the United States, and that makes it rather different. The air mail mess was the one really bad political move that the President has made, for it has shown the people how rapidly we are drifting into a form of government that is throwing aside legal processes and is resorting to bureaucratic bludgeoning and an iron-clad control exercised by one numerically insignificant group of men. There is no essential difference between the policy that can deprive men of their financial contracts without legal processes in open court, and the policy of Hitler, that can deprive political enemies of their lives without a fair and open trial.

Leaving the Hearst papers with their legs and lingerie, Elliott Roosevelt contracted his present connection with the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, as Vice-President. Of course, I'm not saying that if his name had been Smith he would have been hired. But he'll stand on his own feet, and if he got the job because his name was Roosevelt, he'll hold it or he'll give it up if he doesn't like it because he is what he is—a very independent sort of chap who will go his own way once he is determined that his way is the right way. I'm for him, myself, and I wish him all success in his new work.



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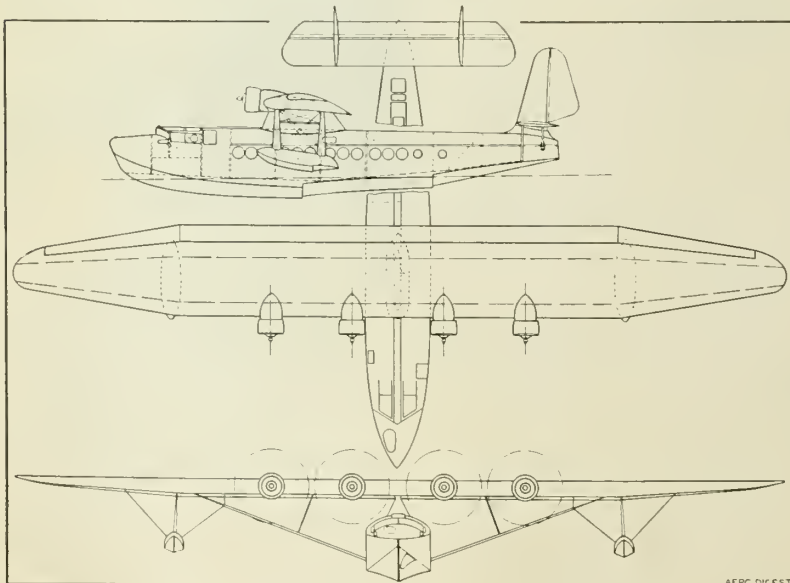
## Basic Design Features of the Sikorsky S-42

H. A. FRANCHIMONT

Aircraft Engineer, Pan American Airways, Inc.

● Nearly four years ago it was apparent to Pan American Airways System that the maintenance of America's leading position on international air routes demanded a greatly advanced type of transport aircraft. The consideration of that problem established requirements for a high performance, highly efficient marine transport aircraft capable of maintaining scheduled transport service, with adequate mail loads, over a non-stop range of 2,500 miles with an air speed of 145

miles per hour against a thirty mile headwind. Exhaustive research was to be done on methods and materials through the use of which such high performance characteristics could be secured. When this study established the feasibility of constructing such an airplane the outlined specifications were given out to a group of airplane manufacturers together with an opportunity of attacking the problem in detail with Pan American engineers in an effort to design an



Outline drawings of the Pan American Airways' Sikorsky S-42

AERO DIGEST

H. A. FRANCHIMONT has spent over 26 years in aviation, his first aeronautical work being in 1908 in France. In 1910 he went to Holland where he constructed and flew his first airplane. In 1912 he went to the Dutch East Indies, returning to France in 1915 where he remained during the war. During this period he was associated with Renault, famous builder of aircraft engines, who was engaged in the production of airplanes for the French Government. He came to America in 1918 and was associated with Curtiss, Sperry, Chance Vought, Atlantic Aircraft, Fairchild and other well-known aeronautical companies. In 1930 he went with Pan American Airways where he has devoted his time to engineering and design problems associated with the present and future types of aircraft being produced for use on the Pan American Airways System.

efficient trans-Atlantic airplane which, at the same time, would be ideally adaptable to the requirements of inter-American air transport service.

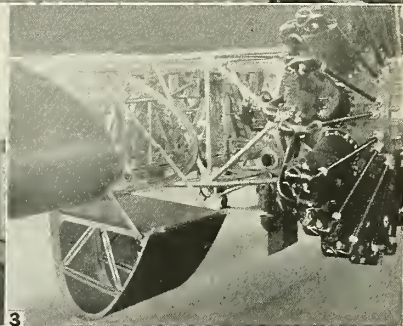
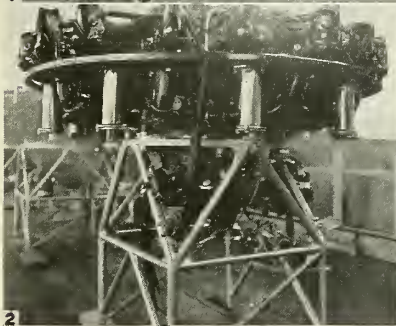
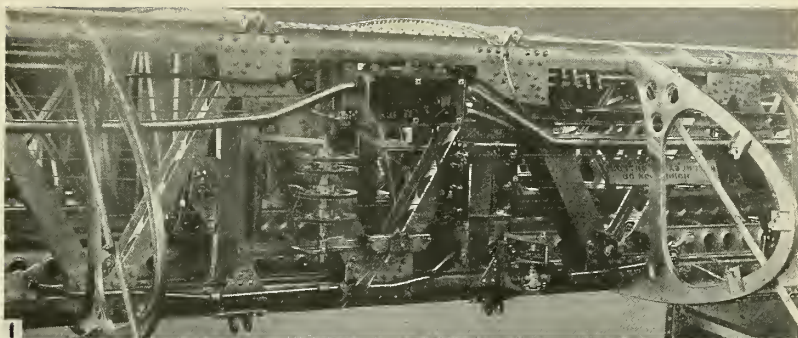
During the two years that the design was under construction and development, the need for carrying passengers as well as mail, resulted in additional stress being placed upon the aircraft's ability to fulfill this new requirement, adding, as it did, new complications to the basic problem of design.

At this time the general trend of the aeronautical industry seemed concerned mainly with high speeds, vaguely surrounded by other important attributes, such as economy of operation and efficient performance. The economy and efficiency of any form of transportation is directly related to such equally vital requirements as low maintenance costs. The necessity for the utmost safety is taken for granted, as no vehicle is worth consideration if it does not include this factor as a prime requisite. Turning back to 1913 and 1914 we had the foundation of research made by scientists and far-sighted engineers, such as Durand in

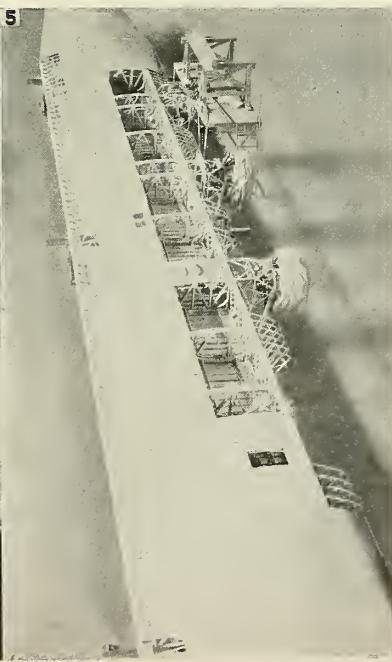
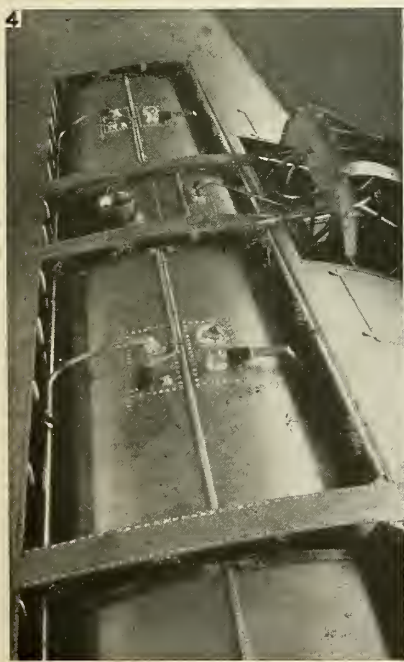


France, who at that time made exhaustive studies of the long range airplane problem with particular reference to trans-Atlantic flight. So when manufacturers consulted with Pan American, guidance and suggestions were given them in this spirit and it became thoroughly understood that Pan American was not interested in planes predicated on the old axiom of "speed at any price."

The solution of economical transport by airplane, as indicated by Durand and proved to a degree by our altitude-controlled flight operations over the Caribbean, is that flight should be made at high altitudes. This makes it possible to get the longest range in relation to a given amount of fuel consumed, and at much higher speed than can be reached at sea level. This saving of fuel makes it possible to carry correspondingly heavier payloads. It is evident that the airplane must fly at its maximum L/D ratio. In order to combine this with high speed it is necessary that the plane fly at high altitude. The required speed at any fixed angle of attack which corresponds with the maximum L/D is proportional to the square root of ratio of the density at sea level compared with the density at altitude. Economical flying, which is at maximum L/D, has also been revealed by the range equations of Louis Breguet in France and Lieut. Walter S. Diehl, U.S.N. Therefore, it was decided to power the plane with four supercharged air-cooled engines, each developing 650 h.p. at 2,150 r.p.m. at an altitude of 5,000 feet. Of course, as long ago shown by Durand, the utilization of controllable-pitch propellers was



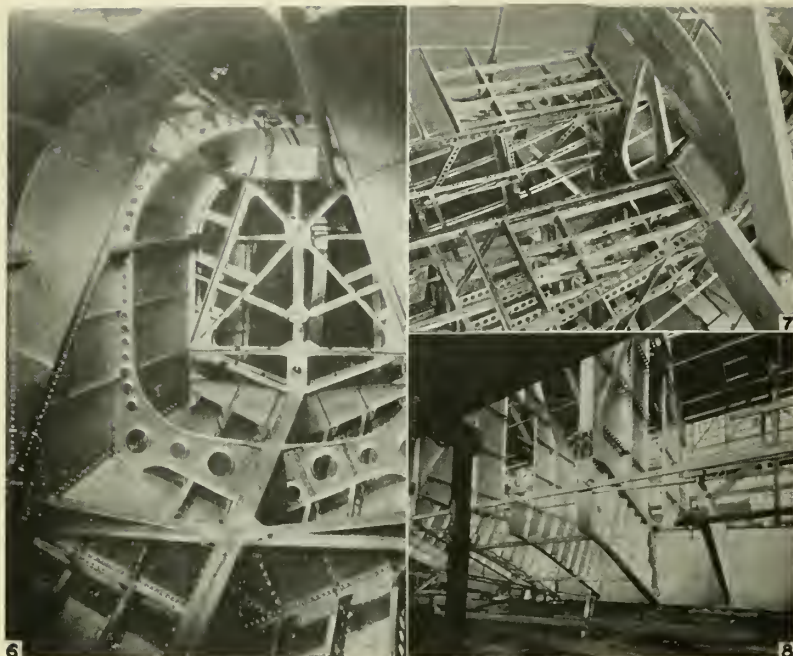
(1) Middle of front wing beam of the Sikorsky S-42, showing engine control cables, ball-bearing pulleys, and electrical system junction. (2) Complete engine mount unit on the assembly floor. (3) One of the folding steps in the leading edge of the wing, for engine mechanics. (4) Fuel and oil tanks set in the wing behind each engine. (5) Metal wing structure, showing trailing edge flap before covering with fabric



most necessary for deriving the maximum efficiency for take-off and climb with low pitch, and cruising and high speed flight with the pitch set at a high angle.

An airplane required to carry heavy pay loads efficiently must have a wing with a relatively high aspect ratio, especially when the requirements are for quick, short, take-offs, fast climbs, high ceilings and slow landings. Therefore, although the wing area of the new S-42 is less than its predecessor (about 1,330 square feet as against the S-40's approximately 1,740 square feet) the aspect ratio has been increased to 9.8 as against about 7.5 for practically the same span of 114' 2" against the S-40's 114'.

In the new ship the wing loading is greatly increased over the previous Clipper ship, as it was known that high wing loadings were not only more efficient for this type of ship but fortunately the flying characteristics were also more conducive to passenger comfort. Whereas the previous model had a wing loading of about 19.5 pounds per square foot (for a gross weight of 34,000 pounds), the S-42 carries a load equal to 28.5 pounds per square foot, for a gross weight of 38,000 pounds. These heavy gross weights were perfectly advisable for flying but not desirable for landing a plane within the required landing speeds dictated by the Department of Commerce. Pan American engineers many times previously suggested the use of some kind of speed range device (usually referred to as high lift devices) and it was ultimately decided to incorporate such a device so that the splendid flying



(6) Interior of the hull of the Sikorsky S-42, looking aft and showing stabilizer adjustment post. (7) Looking down on the framework of pilots' cabin floor. (8) Details of the hull frame and keel structure, amidships. (9) Bow of the hull in jig during early stages of construction. (10) Stern of hull, showing bottom stringers. (11) Exterior view of hull as it neared completion at the Sikorsky plant at Bridgeport, Conn.

characteristics obtainable with the plane with heavy wing loadings would not be spoiled in any way.

Originally the use of flaps was not contemplated for the design, but further consideration was given to their desirability as mentioned above. After investigating the characteristics and possibilities of many types of flaps, beginning with those with which the writer was familiar in 1916 and including those developed by Breguet and other pioneer manufacturers as well as the modern versions of these devices, a type of flap was decided upon which demonstrated beyond doubt the claims originally made for it.

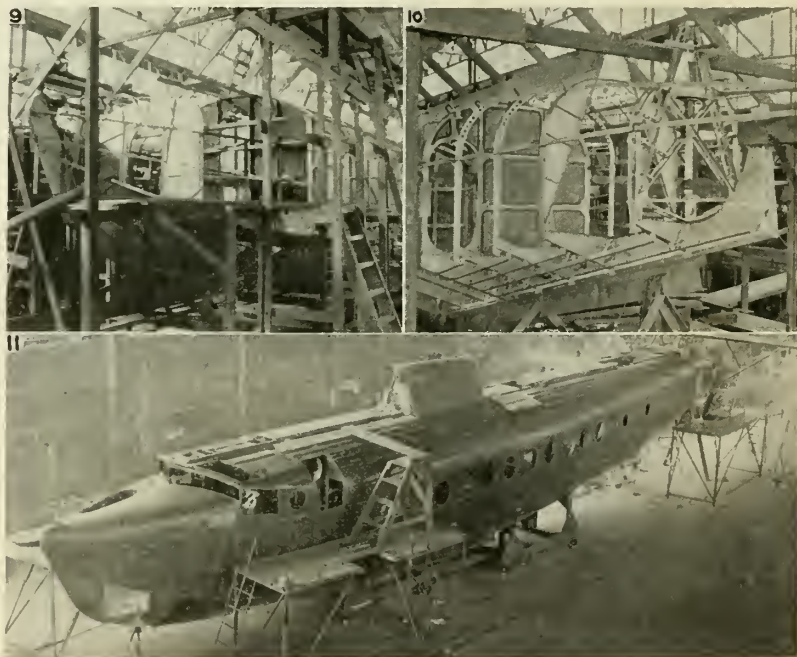
This flap, which extends along the entire untapered portion of the wing, is of the simple trailing edge aileron type rather than the split or auxiliary type. It has the advantage of the utmost simplicity both in construction as well as in operation. It has a downward or positive movement of  $40^\circ$  and an upward negative movement of  $3^\circ$ . Hydraulically operated, it can be lowered or raised in about 15 seconds. The negative angle of this flap has an effect equivalent to reducing the lift coefficient and inducing higher speeds in horizontal flight. At stalling speed the positive flap angle increases the lift, thus widening the speed range from 65 miles an hour to 190 miles per hour, and carrying a gross load of 35,126 pounds. Calculations showed that, carrying a gross weight of 33,508 pounds, the stalling speed would be about 68.5 miles an hour without the flap. With the flap, in some tests, speeds below 65 m.p.h. have been obtained with a gross load of 38,000 pounds. Thus the use of

the flap permits a slower landing speed while carrying some 4,500 pounds greater load.

Take-off time is also considerably reduced with the flap  $10^\circ$  down, only an average of 20 seconds being required to take off with a gross weight of 36,000 pounds. Edwin Musick, Chief Pilot of Pan American Airways, and Col. Lindbergh made a series of flight tests and landings to check up the flight characteristics of the S-42. As an evidence of the thorough manner in which the ship was tested—one day 18 test flights were made, the next day 30 and another day 26 flights. Nine test flights were made with a gross weight of 38,000 pounds. These flights demonstrated the ship's easy handling in the required maneuvers in the air and on the surface of the water.

In deciding upon the location of the engines and propellers, in regard to efficiency and cooling, it was realized that if these units were placed above the wing, as originally planned by the manufacturers, a corrective down load on the tail would be necessary to keep the ship in horizontal flight, which is of course contrary to the interests of efficiency. Yet it was important to keep the engines well above the water line. However, the size of the plane and the development of suitable cowling for the engines made it possible to locate the engines in line with the leading edge of the wing, as indicated by tests made by the N.A.C.A. This placement brings the thrust line in an advantageous position in regard to smooth flow of air over the wings and in respect to the air loads on the tail.

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# Aircraft Development Corporation Model V-1A Vultee Transport



● Model V-1A Transport, a 10-place all-metal monoplane with retractable landing gear and tail wheel and split trailing edge type wing flaps, has recently been tested by the Aircraft Development Corp., Glendale, Calif., manufacturers. It is a high-speed transport designed to carry both passengers and mail, and being intended primarily for use on scheduled airlines, is equipped with full night flying instruments, two airways 3-minute flares and complete Western Electric two-way radio installation.

Power is supplied by the new Breeze-shielded Wright Cyclone F-2 engine delivering 735 h.p. at 1950 r.p.m. and equipped with a 10-foot diameter three-bladed Hamilton Standard controllable-pitch metal propeller, Eclipse starter and Romec fuel pump. Gasoline tankage is provided for a range of 1000 miles.

Eight passengers, accommodated in a 250 cubic foot cabin, are seated two abreast in seats adjustable to six positions and separated with a 12-inch aisle. The fuselage measures 68 high by 58 inches wide, providing ample room for comfortable seating and a 40 cubic foot mail com-

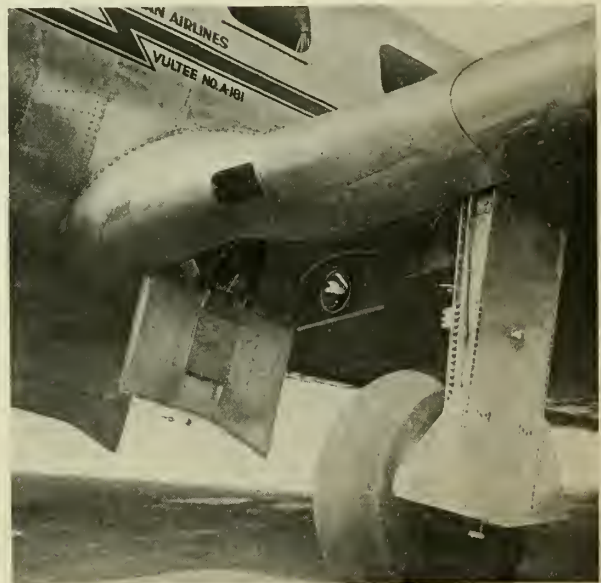
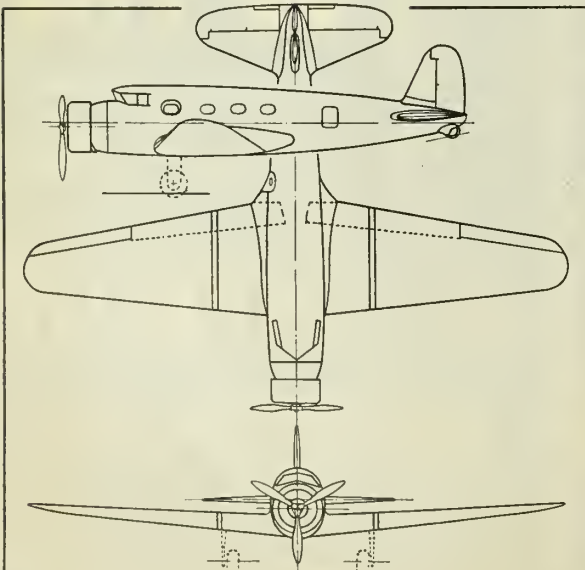
partment assures space for a large load of mail. Behind the last seat is the main cabin door, and immediately opposite the door is a lavatory (equipped by the Dayton Manufacturing Co.), aft of which is a 50 cubic foot baggage compartment and the main radio installation. Cabin upholstery has been supplied by the Laidlaw Co., and Haskelite plywood has been used for floors with a thick Balsa wood core and thin faces of spruce.

Faired into the fuselage so that its lower surface is tangential to the bottom of it, is the cantilever wing. A center section integral with the fuselage, and two outer sections attached to the center section by means of bolts, make up the wing assembly. The former contains the retractable landing gear and the gasoline tanks. The outer section comprises two parts, one a detachable nose section carrying the leading edge type landing lights and removable in four sections, and the rear part carrying the principal structure of the outer wing to which the ailerons and flap gear are attached. This portion of the wing is of the "shell" type construction, the main strength member

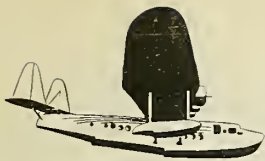
being a corrugated upper and lower covering to which a smooth outer covering of Alclad sheet is attached. The entire wing is rendered accessible for inspection by the removal of the nose sections as the front shear beam of the rear section is of the open truss type, a type of wing construction particularly suited to lower maintenance costs, as the leading edge of the wing usually sustains most of the damage from hail or ground accidents.

A 12-foot 1-inch wheel tread is provided, with the wheels, equipped with Goodyear tires, completely enclosed and flush when retracted, folding inwards into the leading edge of the wing. Operation of the retracting mechanism is by a rotary motion of the cantilever leg of the gear about a pivot tube, by means of a worm drive. An electric motor drive, operated by throwing a toggle switch, lowers the landing gear in about 17 seconds. No attention is necessary on the pilot's part other than throwing the switch. An emergency manual control is also provided, and warning devices, as well as a pointer in the cockpit, indicate the position of the

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Outlines of the Vultee V-1A and details of its retractable landing gear mechanism

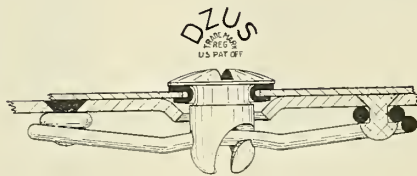


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landing gear. It is possible to retract the wheels as soon as the plane leaves the ground, and the wheels are usually completely up in the wing by the time the plane clears the boundary of the field on the take-off.

The gear itself is composed of a single cantilever duralumin strut of rectangular section, to the upper end of which is fastened a worm wheel segment. The lower end of this strut contains an oleo shock absorber unit to which a stub axle is attached. The wing carries an automatically-operating fairing which closes the wheel well and renders the bottom surface of the wing flush when the gear is retracted. A single cable, running from the landing gear back through the fuselage to the tail wheel, retracts the tail wheel partially as the landing gear is retracted.

Wing flaps are controlled by the same electric motor and auxiliary hand crank which operates the retractable landing gear. This is accomplished by means of a small sliding gear transmission. Either the landing gear or the flap can be operated electrically or by the auxiliary hand crank, or both can be operated together, one by the hand crank and the other by the electric motor. An indicator in the cockpit shows the position of the wing flap and positive stop switches limit its up or down motion.

Tail surfaces, like the wing, are of "shell" type construction, with the fin and stabilizer built integral with the fuselage. An adjustment, similar to that effected by moving the fin, is accomplished by setting an adjustable flap on the trailing edge of the rudder. Similar flaps on the elevators, operated by a wheel in the pilot's compartment, take care of the stabilizer adjustment. This arrangement, particularly in regard to the stabilizer, has outstanding advantages as applied to a high-speed airplane, in which the loads on an adjustable stabilizer becomes sufficiently heavy as to render its operation

difficult at high speeds; when the plane is trimmed by means of the small flaps, this difficulty is eliminated.

The fuselage is of true monocoque type, having no longitudinals, a construction which affords maximum possible room inside the structure for given outside dimensions and also provides valuable maintenance features. It has a modified elliptical cross-section, circular arcs of one radius forming the top and bottom, and arcs of a larger radius forming the sides, these radii fairing into one another. A flat Alclad sheet, its long dimensions running transverse to the longitudinal axis of the fuselage, is laid over transverse U-section diaphragms, each panel lapping back over the panel behind it. These panels are relatively short in proportion to the total length of the fuselage, and therefore it is not necessary to form the sheet.

For maintenance in the field, it is possible to remove one or more damaged panels from the fuselage by drilling out the rivets. These damaged panels may be flattened out and, using the flattened panel as a template, a new piece of sheet can be cut and drilled. The new sheet when assembled into the fuselage, is fitted by lining up through the holes. This operation can be performed by any reasonably skilled metal worker, and requires no special jigs or apparatus to keep the fuselage in line.

Precision-ground bolts attached to fittings on the fire wall are used to mount the engine. These units are accurately jig-built so that the power plant assembly (including cowling, oil tank and all lines and engine controls forward of the fire wall) is interchangeable with that of any other V-1A model airplane. Quickly detachable connections are provided for all lines and engine controls so that it is unnecessary to tie up the ship for engine overhaul. Instead, an overhauled power plant assembly can be installed and the ship put into the air again, the removed

assembly being overhauled and kept in reserve as a replacement for the next ship requiring servicing.

Other features tending to reduce maintenance cost are the use of SKF and Fafnir ball bearings or other type of non-friction bearings in practically all moving parts of the plane. Control operating assemblies are so located as to be easily accessible for inspection or repairs. Brewster controls are used, the cables leading through Formica pulleys.

Incorporated in the pilot's cockpit is a forward slanting vee-type windshield designed to eliminate glare from lights on the ground and afford good forward vision under all conditions. A complete set of instruments is provided including a Sperry artificial horizon and directional gyro; Kollsman, Pioneer, and Weston instruments are included in the installation. The pilot's cockpit, the passenger compartment and the bulkhead separating them, are completely sound-proofed by Western Electric acoustic engineers. The extensive use of Seapak sound insulating material and noise filters in all ventilators and heater openings has resulted in a passenger cabin with a noise level of 68 decibels which is quieter than a Pullman car. It is possible to talk from one end of the cabin to the other in a normal tone of voice while cruising at 215 m.p.h.

Provision has been made to carry one or two pilots with necessary changes in payload. With two pilots and 1,360 pounds of payload (eight passengers) and 206 gallons of fuel, 69 pounds is available for baggage and mail; with 142 gallons of fuel, 450 pounds is available for baggage and mail.

### Specifications

Wing span .....	50 feet
Length overall .....	37 feet
Height overall .....	10 feet 2 inches
Root chord .....	11 feet 3 inches
Tip chord .....	5 feet
Mean chord .....	.8 feet 4 inches
Dihedral (top of wing) .....	3 degrees

### Areas (Square Feet)

Wing (including ailerons) .....	384
Ailerons .....	22.7
Stabilizer .....	38.6
Elevator (including flaps) .....	32.5
Fin .....	9.9
Rudder .....	14.6
Elevator flap .....	2.4

Weights (Pounds)	With 206 gal. fuel	With 179 gal. fuel
Weight empty .....	5332	1075
Gasoline .....	1236	
Oil (15 gallons) ..	113	
Pilot .....	170	
Payload .....	1649	1810
Gross weight .....	8500	

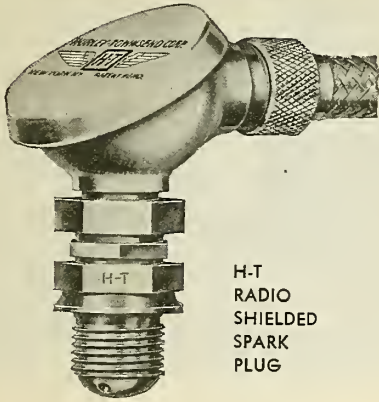
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Power plant, Wright Cyclone.....	735 h.p.
High speed.....	235 miles per hour
Cruising speed (75% power, at 10,000 feet) .....	215 miles per hour
Landing speed .....	60 miles per hour
Climb at sea level.....	1000 feet per minute
Absolute ceiling .....	22,000 feet
Service ceiling .....	20,000 feet
Cruising range .....	1000 miles



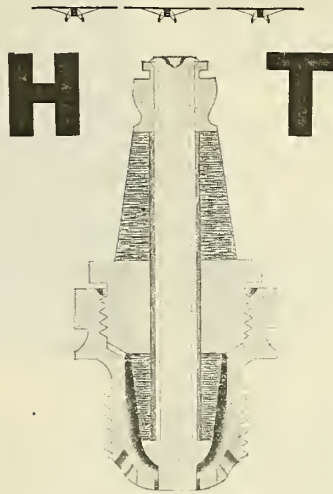
Flaps on the Vultee V-1A transport in lowered position

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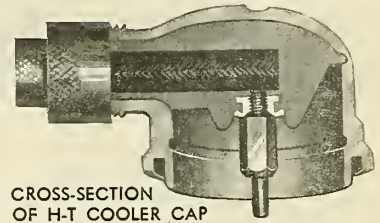
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# The Brown Special Racing Monoplane

● Exemplifying the current trend of design and construction, the Brown Special is a conventionally wire-braced, thin-wing monoplane powered by a Menasco C-4-S Pirate engine. Built at the Menasco Motors plant in Los Angeles, Calif., especially for competition in races restricted to the lower horsepower class, this plane has already demonstrated its speed by winning the Shell Sweepstakes Trophy at the Pan American Air Races in New Orleans with Ralph Bushey, its owner, at the controls.

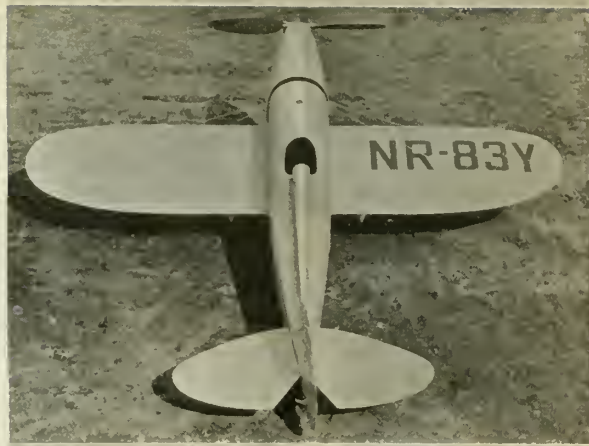
At present Bushey is making test flights in the plane, preparatory to departure for Cleveland, where he will compete in the 1934 National Air Races.

Throughout the plane are many new features designed by Lawrence W. Brown, its builder. These are evidenced in the venturi-type cowling, the modified Curtiss airfoil with sharp leading edge, the use of two-ply fabric around the leading edge of the wing and the general streamlined appearance of the craft.

Wings are of composite type with solid wood spars, wood ribs, steel tube and wire drag bracing and fabric covering. The fuselage is of steel tube construction with wood fairing and is also fabric covered. The semi-enclosed pilot's cockpit provides comfort and visibility, ease in operating controls and observing instruments. In addition, visibility has been enhanced by the attention given to the lines of the cowling around the engine (especially at the nose) and to the juncture of the wing and fuselage which is not heavily filleted.

The landing gear struts serve as major wing brace members, there being no pro-

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View from above  
showing the clean  
lines and arrange-  
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vision for shock absorption except for that supplied by the small air wheels. Although these wheels represent the chief element of parasitic drag on the plane, they have been sufficiently enclosed in wheel-pants to reduce this drag to a minimum.

The Menasco engine, which with supercharger delivers 185 h.p. at 2800 r.p.m., is bolted direct to the engine mount, and due to its relative freedom from vibration it has been found unnecessary to incorporate any engine cushioning. The engine has a displacement of 363 cu. in., and weighs, dry, approximately 300 pounds. A special 6-foot metal propeller developed by Story from Hamilton Standard is used. Provision is made to carry 20 gallons of fuel and 3 gallons of oil.

The designer has dispensed with the use of a retractable landing gear or flaps in this plane which is the second of a series of racers he has constructed. A third, powered by a Menasco six of 550 cu. in., displacement is now nearing completion while a fourth is already under construction.

One of these ships is being constructed for Roy Minor, who flew Ben Howard's "Mike" last year and won more first places than any other pilot in major speed

events. The ship being constructed for Minor to be entered in the 550 cubic-inch classes this year, will be powered by the Menasco Model C-6-C engine of 544 cubic inches. This ship will incorporate in its design a bullet nose and wing flaps. This job, which Minor has financed himself, will be named "Miss Los Angeles."

Lawrence W. Brown is one of our pioneer pilots, and a member of the Early Birds. He flew a Christofferson pusher for Carranza in the Mexican revolution of 1915. Brown originated such designs as the Kreutzer (first introduced as the Brown "Mercury"), one of the first multi-motored small airplanes in this country. Later he designed and built the "California Cub," a stock A. T. C. airplane which he flew in competition with racing types; with this ship he flew to sixth place in the Cirrus Derby. His present series of racing planes are expected to demonstrate high performances at forthcoming air races.

Specifications are as follows:

Wing span .....	16 feet 8 inches
Overall length .....	16 feet 9 inches
Weight dry .....	680 pounds
Weight gross .....	964 pounds
Wing loading .....	19.2 lbs./sq. ft.
Power loading .....	5.21 lb./h.p.
Top speed .....	235 miles per hour



The Brown Special, powered with the 4-cylinder 185-h.p. Menasco C-4-S Pirate engine



# PRIVATE FLYING and CLUB NEWS

## *Omaha Races to Be Held This Month*

THE DATES for the fourth annual air show at Omaha, Neb., have been set for August 11-12 and \$5,000 in prizes is to be offered in the air races. M. M. Meyers, president of the Omaha Air Race Association is in charge of arrangements while Jim Ewing is managing director of the races.

All three of Ben Howard's racing planes are already entered, and it is reported that Harold Neumann is to pilot one, Art Davis or Roy Hunt another and Joe Jacobson will pilot the third. Roger Don Rae, Gordon Israel and Art Chester have also entered the events.

A special sweepstakes trophy for the most outstanding flier in the Omaha meet has been offered by Dr. John D. Brock, while an aerobatics championship trophy will be presented by the management. Wayne Wagner is to make an attempt to set a new world's altitude parachute jump.

Sanctioned by the N. A. A. and conducted under F. A. I. Rules, the association expects to have some of the outstanding pilots of the country attending. Entry blanks must be in Omaha by August 9.

## *Chicago Girls' Club Meets*

MEMBERS OF the Chicago Girls Flying Club, all of whom are either licensed pilots or active flying students, were recently entertained at the home of Mrs. Phoebe Terry who invited George Spaulding, vice-president of the Northern Trust Bank and a former R.A.F. flyer as guest speaker.

The club is headed by Margaret McCormick, president; Betty Dalling, vice-president; Alice Adamec, treasurer; Adela Adamec, secretary and Marguerite Dickman, publicity manager. Miss Alice Walker is business secretary.

## *Air Tour to Attend Regatta*

THE THIRD annual air cruise to the Inter Lake Yachting Association Regatta at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, will be held August 21. Besides the sportsmen pilots who will fly to the affair from Detroit, Cleveland and Erie, the Detroit Hangar of Q. B.'s have voted to make it an annual field day at the island resort with golf and sailing races scheduled.

Put-in-Bay affords a field 1100 feet square with low approaches on all sides. Walter X. Brennan of Detroit is chairman of the committee in charge.

## *Marion, Ill., to Have Air Meet*

ARRANGEMENTS FOR the Southern Illinois Air Races are now being made at Marion, Ill., in preparation for the two-day event, August 4 and 5.

One of the features of the meet is to be a 100-mile cross-country derby from

St. Louis to Marion. Other events will be closed course races, speed dashes, aerobatics, inverted flying and fireworks.

Arnold M. Marquis is director of the races which are sponsored by the Williamson Post 147, American Legion.

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## THREE SAFAIR WOMEN GET PILOT LICENSES

IN ONE month three women students of the Safair School of Aviation, Roosevelt Field, Mineola, N. Y., received pilots' licenses. They are Miss Meta Rotholz, transport; Miss Majorie Kelly, private, and Mrs. Hermelinda Briones, private. Mrs. Briones is from Ecuador and is one of the first of her sex in that country to learn to fly.

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## *Pilots' Association Organized*

ROCHESTER PILOTS Association, Inc., has been formed at Rochester, N. Y., to promote aviation in all its branches. Membership at present consists of 130 persons each holding a Department of Commerce license. Plans are underway to extend the scope of the organization and neighboring towns and cities are being canvassed for new members.

The association held its first annual air show at the Rochester Airport recently with E. B. Delano, secretary of the organization acting as manager of the event. A. C. Lohman is president; G. W. Finegan, vice-president and H. M. Shafer, treasurer.

## *Flying Club Formed*

ORGANIZED FOR the promotion of flying as a sport, and aviation as an industry, a group of Santa Monica, Calif., aviation enthusiasts have formed a club known as the Avigators. They conduct weekly ground school courses for their members and a flying course for those who desire to fly.

A number of members already are taking flight instruction and more are expected to solo in the near future. Officers are Richard Allen, president; Edward Russell, vice-president and Albert Whale, secretary.

## *State Fair Features Aerobatics*

THOMPSON BROS., Balloon and Parachute Co., Aurora, Ill., has been awarded the contract for making a series of delayed parachute jumps and balloon ascensions each day at the 1934 Wisconsin State Fair. According to V. E. Thompson this is a return engagement for the company's jumpers and balloonists at the state fair which will be held from August 25 to 31.

## *Operators Set Safety Record*

A RECORD in passenger safety, believed to be unequalled in any other form of transportation, has been made by the members of the Stinson Air Cab Operators' Association when their planes flew 3,415,620 miles in the last twelve months without injury to a single passenger.

The 103 operators, located in as many cities in the country and making up a national association, was formed May 31, 1933, with Neil R. McCray, owner of McCray Air College, Erie, Pa., president.

The organization was intended primarily to make available to the aircab owner improved methods of operation, reduce costs and to give to the public a more uniform air taxi service. Many of the operators act as feeder lines to the regular transport airlines; all use Stinson cabin planes.

## *Women's Air Unit Elects Officers*

THE WOMEN'S International Association of Aeronautics will endorse a program of world peace and encourage and boost air mail usage and air race events, according to Mrs. Ulysses Grant McQueen, founder and honorary president.

After a check of ballots received from this and other countries, Lady Hay-Drummond-Hay was elected president and Ruth Nichols, re-elected vice-president.

## *14 Planes in Seaplane Cruise*

THE FOURTH annual invitation seaplane cruise was made this year by 14 planes carrying about 40 persons to Wellesley Island in the St. Lawrence River. Commanded by Richard F. Hoyt, the armada got under way from the Sands Point Bath Club, Manhasset Bay, Long Island, and proceeded to the Thousand Islands after a stop on Oneida Lake.

George B. Post was fleet captain and R. R. Loening chairman of the regatta committee. Hoyt flew in the new Courtney amphibion, and among the other planes in the junket were the Loening Monoduck, Commuter, Sikorsky, Savoia Marchetti and a Fleet and Waco on floats.

## *12,000 at Menominee Air Races*

APPROXIMATELY 40 pilots competed in the second annual Upper Peninsula Air Meet at the Menominee County airport sponsored by the Oscar Falk Post, American Legion. More than 12,000 people attended the races.

The small plane race, open to pilots with planes of 150 horsepower or less, was won by C. J. Wittman, piloting a plane of his own design with Marcellus King, second. H. Skelley won the annual air derby, defeating Lieut. Walter Arntzen by a full minute.

The feature of the show was the 10,000-foot jump made by Clem Sohn.

# AT THE AIRPORTS

## Nebraska Active in Airport Work

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS in Nebraska this summer are more extensive and numerous than during any previous period with the exception of 1928 and 1929. Fields have been purchased or leased and thousands of dollars worth of equipment added by municipalities in every section of the state.

The Omaha Municipal Airport leads in the work done, adding equipment and making developments costing close to \$20,000. Routes entering the city include those of Hanford Tri State Airlines, Rapid Airlines and United Air Lines, the airport now dispatching 12 planes daily in four directions. The airport is the new divisional headquarters for United's 908 miles of transcontinental route between Cheyenne and Chicago and 570 miles of connecting routes.

At Broken Bow, in north-central Nebraska, the city council has leased a section of land for an airport and the government is providing \$4,000 for improvements; at McCook the city council has leased ground and \$8,500 is being spent for improvements. Wayne is spending several thousand dollars to develop a new airport, while the municipal airport at Gordon has been so well developed that it is considered one of the best in the northwestern section of the state. Hastings has purchased the Great Plains Aircraft Corp., equity in a hangar, has taken over the operation of the Hastings Airport and is now making needed improvements.

Twenty-eight cities and towns in the state have installed air markers bearing the name of the town or city.

## Unlighted Fields Marked

AMBER-COLORED course lights are being installed on some of the Department of Commerce rotating airways beacon lights throughout the country to inform airmen of the presence of airports which do not have lighting equipment continuously available for night operations.

The amber lenses are installed in a beacon's course lights, which are fixed projectors pointing the direction of the airway, and flashing a code signal which tells airmen the number of the beacon. When a beacon is located adjacent to a lighted airport or Department of Commerce intermediate landing field, the course lights are green. When no land-

ing area is available in the vicinity, the course lights are red. The amber color has been adopted to show the presence of an unlighted field or a field which operates its lights only at specified times and does not have an attendant present to turn on the lights for unheralded arrivals.

## STURGIS, MICH., GETS LAND USED AS MUNICIPAL PORT

THE 115-ACRE tract on which the municipal airport now stands has been deeded to the city of Sturgis, Mich., by the heirs of C. W. Kirsch. The field will be named after the benefactor and will remain in possession of the city as long as it is used for airport purposes.

## Operator Enlarges Quarters

AIR PARTS CO., Glendale, Calif., recently completed renovation of their entire building and have added a larger stock room and new fixtures.

This company, which maintains a twenty-four-hour repair and service unit, reports an increase of 200 per cent in their business over 1933. It recently was appointed Pacific Coast sales and service representative for Szekely engines and parts.

## Blair Operating Fixed Base Service

BOB BLAIR has taken over the lease of one of the large hangars at the Los Angeles Municipal Airport and reports almost all of the storage space taken by private plane owners and the renting of the service shop.

In addition to his aerial taxi service and motion picture operations, Blair has just consummated a deal by which he became Southern California distributor for Stinson aircraft.

## Cornish New Airport Manager

CAPTAIN CLARENCE F. Cornish has been appointed manager of the Paul Baer Municipal airport at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to succeed Captain Robert Bartel, who was scheduled to retire from management August 1. Captain Cornish has been manager and chief pilot of the Aereco Flying Service, with headquarters at the port, a position which he has held since 1928 and from which he has resigned to take the new appointment.

## Hot Springs Airport Completed

SOME TIME ago a series of airport improvements were begun in Arkansas as CWA projects under the general supervision of Charles Taylor, state airport project director of Little Rock. The first one of the projects to be wholly completed is that of the Hot Springs National Park airport, with A. F. Annen, Hot Springs engineer, in charge.

An 18-plane hangar has been built to replace the 3-plane structure. Four hundred feet have been added to the north-south runway to bring it up to 2,900 feet and 700 feet has been added to the east-west runway to make it 2,500 feet.

The entire field has been fenced, standard markers installed and the field itself leveled and generally improved to make it possible for the largest size plane to take off or land.

On completion of the job the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting on the field and hundreds turned out for the occasion.

## Utica Field Progressing

WORK ON improving the Utica Municipal Airport in Marcy, N. Y., is progressing rapidly, it was reported by Reginald I. Heath, airport superintendent. Between 75 and 80 men are employed, putting finishing touches on a 150 by 200 foot asphalt apron in front of the hangar, and in finishing the ditching work started earlier in the season.

Grading of the enlarged airport will be the last part of the program, and it is expected that work will last most of the summer.

## Ft. Meade Field Improved

THE FIRST of three runways to be constructed at the Fort George G. Meade's new air field in Baltimore, Md., which has just been completed, has been built by a new process which is designed to give it a "sponginess" helpful in landing and taking off. The completed runway is 2,000 feet long and 150 feet wide and runs southeast-northwest.

Work upon the second runway, extending 1,800 feet from southwest to northeast, has been started and the third to be constructed will connect the northern ends of the cross formed, running 1,200 feet from east to west.

The new process used in the construction provides for repeated applications of oil to plowed ground, which is then rolled.

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### Garrett Heads Airport Group

WITH LOUIS GARRETT again head of both groups, officers and directors of the Arkansas Airport Company, operator of Toney Field at Pine Bluff, Ark., and the Pine Bluff Airport Club, have been elected.

The officers, all re-elected are: Jo Nichol, treasurer; L. E. Leas, assistant treasurer and secretary. Airport Club: W. I. Payne, vice-president; Fred Ingram, vice-president; L. E. Leas, secretary and treasurer.

Airport Club directors are: Dr. B. D. Luck, Kenneth Garrett, George H. Adams, Fred Ingram, O. C. Hauber, Adams Robinson, Harry Miller, Pinchback Taylor, W. I. Payne, C. S. Lynch, F. R. Broom, F. W. Bellingrath, L. E. Leas, Walter N. Trulock and L. Garrett. Airport company directors are: L. Garrett, George H. Adams, F. C. Smart, K. G. Garrett and W. L. Toney.

### New Overhaul Base at Cleveland

GENERAL AIRMOTIVE Corp., the new Cleveland, Ohio, aviation group which took over the former Smith Engineering hangar at the Municipal Airport, has completed the installation of special servicing equipment and will specialize in repairing and overhauling planes and engines, and in offering service and storage facilities to visiting pilots. James W. Borton is general manager.

While temporarily concentrating upon sales, minor servicing and storage, Borton is negotiating with several leading engine manufacturers relative to re-establishing the same aircraft and engine servicing program he developed as operations manager, from 1929 to 1933, of the old Thompson Aeronautical Corporation's Cleveland base. This involves the probable renewal of service dealerships for Wright, Pratt & Whitney, Kinner, Scintilla and other parts manufacturers.

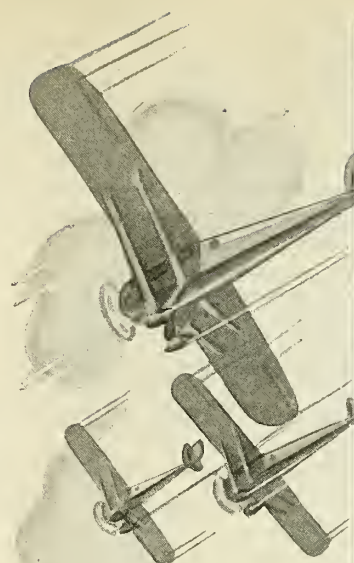
### Spearfish Airport Dedicated

LAWRENCE COUNTY'S new airport at Spearfish, S. D., was dedicated with a program including seven contests for pilots with \$600 offered as prize money. The Black Hills air fair and dedication was sponsored by the Black Hills Aero Club. The airport is designed to serve five cities.

Constructed partly with federal relief funds, the new 160-acre airport, located four miles east of Spearfish and ten miles north of Deadwood, has a 90 by 100 foot stone hangar and 3,700-foot runways.

### Operators Open Air Service

ROY R. TAYLOR and M. M. Taylor, transport pilots, have organized the East Texas Flying Service at Kilgore, Texas, in the East Texas oil fields, and are doing local and long-distance flights and passenger carrying in addition to giving flight instruction.



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### *Air Show Given by Tourists*

SEVERAL THOUSAND persons and scores of planes were present at the airport in Idabel, Oklahoma, for an air show and circus, given as a part of the tour made by the Oklahoma City Aviation Club. More than forty planes made the trip as well as several government aviation officials and others. The itinerary included an inspection of many newly-built airports over the state.

### *Show Features Port Anniversary*

THE ANNUAL air show commemorating the anniversary of the municipal airport at Birmingham was held July 23. Two days before the show a tour of the state was made under the direction of Lieut. Col. Sumpter Smith.

The committee handling the show included Col. Smith, chairman, Hayden Brooks, Col. John Currie of Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Major Henry Badham of the Alabama National Guard, Asa Rountree, Jack Moose, E. W. Stanford, Joe Fox, R. J. Ward and Hugh N. Starnes.

### *New Sites Surveyed for Airport*

NINE POSSIBLE sites, each within 10 miles of town, have been surveyed for the possible location of Nashville's new airport, if it is secured. It was pointed out that the city is in need of a field nearer the city, as it now takes about an hour to go from downtown to Sky Harbor located near Murfreesboro.

A site was tentatively selected near Andrew Jackson's historical homesite, but because of opposition other sites are being investigated.

### *Airport Transmitter Installed*

GEORGE McCAULEY of Aeronautical Radio Co., Roosevelt Field, announces that arrangements have been completed for the installation of a Western Electric airport transmitter at the Operations Office, Roosevelt Field. This transmitter, which will operate on the itinerant fliers frequencies allowed to this service by the Department of Commerce, will be in operation at all times and is now being installed by the radio company, agents for Western Electric aircraft and airport equipment.

### *New Company Organized*

ARTICLES OF incorporation were filed by Heart of the Lakes Airways, Inc., Lake Delton, Wis. The firm, incorporators of which are R. M. Hines, James H. Hill and James H. Hill, Jr., has been capitalized at \$20,000.

### *Airport Reports Revenue Loss*

OKLAHOMA CITY'S revenue from the municipal air terminal dropped approximately \$5,000 a year as the result of cancellation of air mail contracts, figures assembled by William Bleakney,

manager, showed. The loss developed after May 12 when United Air Lines flew its last schedule, with resultant lost rent of terminal offices, landing fees, and handling charges on gasoline. Loss of the account is counterbalanced to some extent by removal of Braniff Airways, Inc., planes to the municipal air terminal.

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## MORE AIRPORT FUNDS SOUGHT TO COMPLETE PROJECTS

PLANS WHICH will result in obtaining \$40,000 in additional funds for completing work on 43 airports in Oklahoma are being completed. The work will consist of marking and draining the airports. Twenty-five of the ports are completed except for this work, while additional construction is necessary at 18 others.

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### *Airport Reopened*

HAMPTON AIRPORT, located in Oak Cliff, the western suburb of Dallas, has been renovated and improved and is now being operated by Claude Gossett after being closed for more than a year. Gossett is operating a flying school and conducting a general fixed base business. A steel hangar and office building are on the field.

### *Dallas Plans Fuel Sales*

IN ORDER that it may abolish the gasoline tax and still obtain revenue to pay operating expenses at Love Field, Dallas, the city is contemplating the construction and operation of its own fuel station at the field, banning private purveyors of gas and oil. Another plan is to reduce the fuel tax, now three cents a gallon, and let the fuel franchise out to some private vendor.

### *Winburn Field Leased*

THE CITY Commission of San Antonio has leased Winburn Field, the municipal airport to Long and Harmon, Inc., of Dallas for one year. The company operates the south Texas air mail line from Dallas to San Antonio and is also operator of Dallas Aviation School, Dallas, but will operate Winburn Field as a separate enterprise.

The company and Bowen Air Lines are the only airlines making scheduled stops at the field, but a number of private operators have their headquarters there.

### *Love Field to Be Improved*

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED for Love Field, Dallas municipal airport, include the construction of a ramp in front of the proposed \$50,000 administration building, more accommodations for visiting pilots and planes, and an emergency hangar. Additional equipment is to be available for hangars operated by the city with money for the improvements planned during the next fiscal year.

### *Six Ports Get Entry Designation*

AIRPORTS IN the states of Montana, New York and Washington were recently designated as official airports of entry for the landing of aircraft from foreign countries. The designation is for a period of one year from June 2, 1934.

The following airports have received the airport entry designation: In Montana; the Great Falls Municipal Airport, Havre Municipal Airport and Scobey Airport; in New York: the Watertown Municipal Airport and Mobodo Airport in Plattsburg and in Washington, Felts Field, the Spokane Municipal Airport.

### *Hawley Takes Over Planes Agency*

HAWLEY AIRCRAFTS Co. has been appointed eastern distributor for Security National Aircraft Co., and for the new Lockheed Alcor. Murray Hawley, manager, is operating from Hangar 9 at Roosevelt Field, Mineola, N. Y., where a new Security Airster is being flown for demonstration.

Nancy Hawley will assist her brother in the sales, distribution and demonstration of these planes. Both have been flying since they were 16 years of age.

### *Used Plane Sales Unit Opened*

DYCKER AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Calif., has established a Used Plane Sales Department and plans to carry 20 planes of various types on hand. Ace Bragunier is in charge of the unit.

Further activity at the field got under way when the Fitzgerald Brothers, formerly of Sweetwater, Texas, established an aircraft and engine repair shop.

### *Montana To Complete Airports*

MONTANA HAS been allocated \$59,000 for the completion of more than a score of airport projects in the state, the money being made available by Relief Administrator Hopkins to be administered by the state relief commission. Work yet to be done to complete a system of airports throughout the state will be carried out as FERA projects. As the initial program of airport development was carried out under the original grant of funds for this purpose, airports on contemplated regular air routes were first completed. Most of these afforded ready emergency landing fields on routes then in operation across the state.

### *Lighting Equipment Installed*

UNION AIRPORT, Lincoln, Neb., is being furnished with night lighting equipment which is expected to be operating within a short time.

The equipment consists of 41 boundary lights, which take in about 220 acres, four 1500-watt floodlights placed at the ends of the asphalt runways, a million candlepower two-end beacon, a ceiling projector and all necessary obstruction markers.

# THE INDUSTRY IN GENERAL

## Raymond Appointed Chief Engineer

FROM AIRCRAFT mechanic in 1925 to engineering head of one of the world's largest manufacturers of military and commercial planes marks the rise of A. E. Raymond, newly appointed chief engineer of the Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., Santa Monica, Calif., according to Donald W. Douglas, president.

Raymond, who succeeds J. H. Kindelberger, chief engineer of Douglas since 1925, who resigned to assume an executive position in the East, graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and entered the Douglas employ as a workman in 1925. From then on his rise was rapid, and in 1928 he was appointed assistant chief engineer, which position he held until his recent promotion.

During the last two years, Raymond has devoted most of his time to the general supervision of design and development work of the Douglas airliner, 75 of which are being built on order of T. W. A., other airlines, foreign governments and industrial concerns throughout the world. Since 1927, Raymond has also served as assistant professor of aeronautics, California Institute of Technology, at which institution he has followed closely the wind tunnel tests of the Douglas transport and other outstanding airplane developments.

Other promotions in the Douglas engineering department include F. W. Herman, former project engineer on the Transport, to general assistant to Chief Engineer Raymond; G. D. Brown, former head of the material and release group, to assistant in the coordination of engineering and sales; D. J. Bosio, for-

mer project engineer on the 0-2 series observation planes, assistant in scheduling engineering work; C. T. Reid, former chief clerk, to assistant to Chief Draftsman Howard D. Houghton; E. F. Burton, to senior designer; and Leo A. Carter, to chief of structural analyses.

## LOCKHEED FRANCHISE GRANTED FOR CHINA

AN EXCLUSIVE distributorship for Lockheed aircraft in all of China (including Manchoukuo) has been granted to Hasken Trading Co., Inc., New York and Shanghai, importer of aircraft, locomotives and heavy machinery. The arrangement includes an option to secure an exclusive license to manufacture the Electra, Orion, Altair and Vega planes in China.

## Fire Destroys New Arup Plane

THE NEW two-passenger model of the single-wing Arup plane just completed by the Arup Manufacturing Co., South Bend, Indiana, was destroyed by fire in its experimental hangar at the old municipal airport on the outskirts of that city.

The new model, powered by a 70-horsepower LeBlond engine, and more powerful and speedy than the original model demonstrated before army authorities in Washington last spring, has been in course of construction for the last three months. It was removed to the abandoned airport for private tests, and had successfully met requirements in the week it was under trial.

## Federal Unit to Develop Small Plane

DECLARING THAT the Department of Commerce has in the past spent millions of dollars to aid air navigation and in air regulatory work for commercial aviation, but has contributed little toward increasing the safety of the airplane itself, Eugene L. Vidal, Director of Air Commerce of the Department of Commerce, announced the organization of a Development Section in the Bureau of Air Commerce to foster the development of safer flying equipment.

Authority to engage in such a program was given by Congress in an amendment to the Air Commerce Act of 1926. Congress also appropriated to the President \$1,000,000 to use at his discretion in connection with the further development of civil and military aviation and \$100,000 of this appropriation has been allocated to be spent under the direction of the Department of Commerce.

John H. Geisse, Chief of the Manufacturing Inspection Service, has been selected to head the unit, Vidal said, adding that the private use of aircraft has been retrogressing and there has been a corresponding lag in development work on equipment suitable for the private owner. Sufficient fundamental knowledge is now available to improve materially the safety of private flying and the Bureau of Air Commerce intends to assist the industry where possible in the application of those principles to the production of airplanes for the average citizen who wishes to fly but has not the time nor the desire to become an expert pilot."

Vidal further stated that the scope of the activities of the Development Section will be necessarily limited as expenditures, other than those made possible by the President's allocation, will have to be kept within the present appropriation to the Bureau.

The Development Section will take over supervision of the acquisition by the Department of Commerce of twenty-five small, two-seater, inexpensive airplanes to be used by the aeronautical inspectors, bids for which will be opened August 27.

## Beech Distributor in Philadelphia

J. V. DALLIN and Lewin B. Barringer have formed Beechcraft Distributors, Inc., for the distribution of Beechcraft airplanes in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, Delaware, the eastern shore of Maryland and counties including Baltimore.

A new Jacobs-powered Beechcraft, to be used as a demonstrator, has already been purchased.

Offices are located at the Philadelphia Airport, in the same building as those of Dallin Aerial Surveys.



Douglas transports on the fuselage assembly line in the Santa Monica factory

### Four Beechcraft Sold

INCREASING ACTIVITY is noticeable at the factory of the Beech Aircraft Co., Wichita, Kan., following the sale and delivery of a number of aircraft in the past few weeks.

The Ethyl Gasoline Corporation of New York has taken delivery of a 420 h.p. Beechcraft while the Goodall Worsted Co., Sanford, Me., is flying its new 690 h.p. job for executive and business purposes. Another job, this one powered by the Jacobs 225, has been delivered to the Socony Vacuum Oil Corporation of New York and Mrs. Amy Mollinson has ordered another Jacobs powered plane which will be delivered this month. Mrs.

Mollinson has taken over the Beechcraft distributorship for the British Isles.

### Shot-Welded Plane Back From Tour

AFTER SPENDING Two years in Europe where it was exhibited in many countries, the all-steel Savoia Marchetti amphibion is now back in this country. The plane, property of the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Co., Philadelphia, Pa., was built three years ago to demonstrate the practicability of the shot-welded process of fabricating stainless steel.

Upon its return to the United States, the plane was turned over to Fleetwings, Inc., Roosevelt Field, licensee of the Budd company in this country. Other licensees are in Italy, France and England.

### General Tires On New Airliner

ACCEPTANCE OF the General Streamlined wheels and tires produced by the General Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, is seen in an announcement by Ray W. Brown, in charge of General's aeronautical sales, that Transcontinental & Western Air, are making an installation in the new Douglas airliner.

Brown also reports that Seversky Aircraft Corp., Farmingdale, N. Y., has standardized on General's streamlined tires and Automotive Fan wheels on his new high-speed monoplane and that Beech Aircraft Corp., Wichita, Kan., is using standard equipment on the new Jacobs-powered Beechcraft.

## Digest of Recent Events

### Adamowicz Brothers Fly Across Atlantic

BENJAMIN AND Joseph Adamowicz, soda-water manufacturers of Brooklyn, N. Y., successfully made a trans-Atlantic flight in a Bellanca from Harbor Grace, Nfld., to a point near Flens de Lorne, France, falling short of Warsaw, their goal, where they finally arrived after two more attempts. The men took off from Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N. Y., and after a 9½-hour flight landed at Harbor Grace, where they prepared for their ocean crossing the following day. JUNE 28-JULY 1.

### duPont Sets Glider Altitude Record

NOT CONTENT with owning the world's distance record, Richard duPont also annexed the American altitude record for gliders when he attained 6,224 feet in a flight lasting an hour. duPont flew the Albatross I to make this new record. The former mark was held by Jack O'Meara at 4,780 feet; the world's record is 8,439 feet. du Pont was named national glider champion for the year. JUNE 30.

### Graf Zeppelin Makes First Visit to Buenos Aires

FULFILLING A dream of long standing, Dr. Hugo Eckener brought the Graf Zeppelin into Buenos Aires for a visit lasting 1 hour 10 minutes. The ship carried 18 passengers and 20 sacks of mail destined for Rio de Janeiro and Friedrichshafen. This is the first time the Graf has entered Buenos Aires and the event was the occasion for the declaration of a holiday. JUNE 30.

### Claims Glider Record After 13 Hours in Air

AN AMERICAN record for continuous flight in a primary glider was believed to have been

established by Floyd Artman, who remained aloft 13 hours 30 minutes in a ship of that type at Oroville, Wash. Artman was forced down after dark when the wind ceased. JULY 9.

### Navy Pilot Makes Fast Daylight Flight

MADE AS part of the regular schedule for ferrying planes from coast-to-coast, Lieut. William G. Tomlinson, U. S. N., flew a new Grumman SF-1 scouting plane powered by a Wright Cyclone engine from the Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C., to the San Diego Naval Air Station in 15 hours flying time, the fastest yet accomplished for a flight of this nature. This flight was also the first to be accomplished in one day by a standard Navy plane during ferrying operations and won for Lieut. Tomlinson the

commendation of Rear Admiral Ernest J. King, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics. JULY 10.

### Soviet Flier In Record Parachute Drop

WHAT IS believed to be a new world's record for parachute jumping, was made by Nikolai Yevdokimov, professional parachute jumper of the U. S. S. R., when he bailed out over the outskirts of Leningrad at 26,575 feet and then dropped 25,925 feet before pulling the rip cord. The drop took about 2½ minutes. There is no official recognition of parachute drops and jumps, but the previous longest delayed jump on record was held by John Trantum of England at 17,500 feet; this record also was subsequently broken by a Russian jumper in the Soviet Air Force. JULY 18.

### Macon Flies 1,200 Miles to Deliver Papers to Roosevelt

THE NAVY dirigible *Macon* made contact with the cruiser *Houston* carrying President Roosevelt to Hawaii 1,200 miles off the Pacific Coast. In a series of maneuvers by the ship and her planes, papers were dropped aboard the cruiser, after which the *Macon* turned about and proceeded back to her base in Sunnyvale, Calif. JULY 19.

### Service Planes Start Flights to Alaska

TWELVE NAVY seaplanes and 10 U. S. Army Air Corps bombers took off for a flight to Alaska. The Navy planes started from San Diego, Calif., and are proceeding by short flights to the Aleutian Islands by way of Astoria, Seattle, Ketchikan, Juneau, Cordova, Seward, Kodiak, Dutch Harbor and Sitka. The Army planes made Washington, D. C., their take-off point. JULY 20.

## Coming Events

### Rhoen Soaring Contest

Fifteenth Rhoen Soaring Contest, Wasserkuppe, Rhoen, Germany. Sponsored by Deutsche Luftsport Verband. Total prizes, \$20,000. JULY 22-AUG. 5.

### Air Show

National Air Show of Italy. Milan, Italy. AUG.-SEPT. 30.

### Air Tour

Third Air Tour Around Italy. AUG. 1-15.

### Women's Air Meet

Women's National Air Meet, Dayton Municipal Airport, Dayton, Ohio. AUG. 4-5.

### Illinois Air Races

Southern Illinois Air Races, Marion, Ill. Sponsored by Williamson Post 147, American Legion. Arnold M. Marquis, director of races. AUG. 4-5.

### Omaha Air Races

Fourth Annual Air Show and air races. Omaha Municipal Airport, Omaha, Neb. Under man-

agement of Omaha Air Race Association, Omaha Chamber of Commerce. AUG. 11-12.

### Air Cruise

Third annual cruise to Inter Lake Yachting Association Regatta, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, from Detroit. AUG. 21.

### Polish Tour

International Touring Challenge of the Polish Aero Club. AUG. 28-SEPT. 16.

### National Air Races

1934 National Air Races, sponsored by National Air Races of Cleveland, Inc., and under the management of Clifford and Philip Henderson, 103 Terminal Tower Bldg., Cleveland. To be held at Cleveland Municipal Airport. AUG. 31-SEPT. 3.

### European Circuit

Circuit of Europe flight and speed contest. Challenge de Tourisme International, Warsaw, Poland. SEPT. 7-16.

### Air Tour

Sixth Indiana Air Tour. Herbert O. Fisher, director of Aeronautics, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Indianapolis, Ind. SEPT. 10-16.

### Gliding Contest

Gliding and Soaring Contest, Big Meadows, Shenandoah National Park. SEPT. 15-30.

### Bennett Balloon Races

Gordon Bennett Balloon Race. Auspices of Polish Aero Club, Warsaw, Poland. SEPT. 20.

### State Officials' Meeting

FOURTH ANNUAL Meeting, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Cheyenne, Wyo. SEPT. 27-29.

### MacRobertson Race

London-Melbourne International Air Race. Speed and handicap event. Under regulations of F.A.I. and competition rules of Royal Aero Club. Sponsored by Sir MacPherson Robertson. OCT. 20.

### Air Show

Fourteenth International Aero Salon, Paris, France. NOV. 16-DEC. 2.

### Air Races to Feature Speed Events

WITH APPROXIMATELY \$35,000 set up as prize money, preparations are progressing for the four-day 1934 National Air Races to be conducted at the Cleveland Airport August 31 to September 3. The races will be sponsored by National Air Races of Cleveland, Inc., with Cliff and Phil Henderson again conducting them.

Derbies and races for slower types of airplanes have been eliminated and the races themselves will be for fast aircraft to demonstrate the advance in speed and power made in the past year.

The race program will consist of two events in the 200 cu. in. displacement class; three in the 375 cu. in. class; three in the 550 cu. in. class and one in the 1,000 cu. in. class, the show culminating on Labor Day with the Thompson Trophy 100-mile free-for-all.

Pilots in various parts of the country, eager to set new records and to win prize money are either rebuilding airplanes in which they already have been successful or are having constructed newly designed craft to obtain the maximum in speed. Among these doubtless will be some of the airplanes to be entered in the London to Melbourne race in October. Thus spectators at the National Air Races may see in actual competition the American entries in this outstanding race.

An excellent field is anticipated for the Thompson Trophy race. Among the pilots expected are Col. Roscoe Turner, Lee Gehlbach, Ray Moore, Art Chester, Roy Minor, Ben Howard, Gordon Israel, Lee Miles, Ralph Bushey and S. J. Wittman. There is also a possibility that Jimmy Haizlip will return to speed competition in this event.

There is some hope that Harry Williams, the Louisiana millionaire, will complete the airplane which was being constructed for the late Jimmie Wedell for the MacRobertson race.

Aside from the closed course races at the Cleveland Airport, chief interest will be in the Bendix Transcontinental dash with its \$10,000 prize money and an additional \$2,500 to the pilot that sets a new record from Los Angeles to New York. Weather permitting, pilots in this race are to take off from Los Angeles the morning of Friday, August 31st, for

Cleveland. Then, if a chance for a new record is possible, the pilot will fly on to New York. The Bendix race was won in 1933 by Turner and here again, he is expected to be a main competitor.

Arrangements are being made for time marks in the Shell 3-kilometer straight-away speed dashes.

The program for the four days will be so embellished with other attractions as to provide a variety of aerial entertainment. Cooperation by the Army, Navy and Marines has been assured. Maneuvers by a pursuit squadron of eighteen ships from Selfridge Field can be expected. An added feature contemplated is the appearance of the Army trio from Maxwell Field.

With the bulk of the Naval aircraft on the east coast for the first time in several years, participation by that branch is expected and a squadron of fifteen fighting planes has been invited. Nine fighters and six observation ships from the Marines, forming a composite squadron, have been asked from that department.

Aerial acrobats are also to be shown. The air race management has invited the 1933 and 1934 winners of European acrobatic competitions as well as Milo Burchman, American ace.

Pageants, night flying, parades, parachute jumps en masse and other attractions are also being booked.

The air race program this year is particularly significant as it marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of airplane competition. It was in 1909 in France that Glenn Curtiss, flying at 47 m.p.h., won first honors against other fliers. Recognizing this anniversary, the air race management is building up a historic display and pageant.

### S-42 Gets Approval

FOLLOWING THE last of a series of test flights conducted near Bridgeport, Conn., where it was constructed in the Sikorsky Aviation Corp., factory, the S-42, largest flying boat to go into regular scheduled air transport service, was licensed for international service on the South American trade routes.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, technical advisor for Pan American Airways, for which the boat was constructed, was at the controls of the 19-ton ship during the test flights.

### N.A.C.A. Gets Full-Speed Tunnel

THE NATIONAL Advisory Committee for Aeronautics has been allotted \$478,300 by the Public Works Administration for the construction of a 500-mile-per-hour wind tunnel.

This wind tunnel was felt to be of great need. N. A. C. A. researches indicate that airplane speeds upward of 500 miles per hour are attainable, but knowledge is lacking as to the natural laws governing air flow above 200 miles per hour, and consequently higher attainable speeds cannot be used with safety. The necessary new knowledge can be reliably obtained only by scientific investigations in a high-speed wind tunnel of such a nature.

The project not only had the unanimous endorsement of the members of the National Advisory Committee, but also the support of Secretary of War Dern, Secretary of the Navy Swanson, and Secretary of Commerce Roper.

The new tunnel will be constructed at the N. A. C. A. laboratories at Langley Field, Virginia. Eight thousand horsepower will be required to attain an airflow of 500 miles per hour through a test chamber 8 feet in diameter. The wind tunnel which will be built of reinforced concrete with steel plates lining the walls, will measure 154 by 51 by 25 feet high and is expected to be completed within a year.

### Airline Votes Dividend

PAN AMERICAN Airways voted a dividend of 25 cents a share to stockholders of record as of July 20, providing the first distribution to stockholders since the system was organized seven years ago. The dividend represents about 1 per cent of the capital invested.

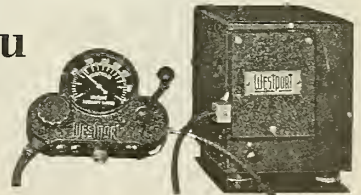
For the past three years the company has registered a steady gain in net income, amounting last year to \$1.42 a share after all charges. This compared with a net income of \$1.36 a share in 1932, 21 cents a share in 1931 and a loss of \$305,271 in 1930.

The system's traffic increased during 1933 and during this year. In 1933 passenger miles increased 40 per cent over 1932 and express volume was up 80 per cent. Gains of about 30 per cent this year over the same period of last year have also been obtained.

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### 13,722 Pilots Licensed

ON JULY 1, 1934, active Department of Commerce licenses were held by 13,722 pilots and 6,541 aircraft according to totals taken from a study made by the Bureau of Air Commerce. A year previous there were 17,958 licensed pilots and 6,874 licensed aircraft, the decrease in the number of pilot licenses being due partly to the reversion of many private and solo licenses to the student grade when the private pilot requirements were raised and the solo license was discontinued. This is shown by the fact that on July 1, 1933, there were 7,551 student licenses, while on the first day of July, 1934, this number had increased to 13,425.

The total number of aircraft, licensed and unlicensed, of which the Department had record on July 1, 1934, was 8,837, while this number on the same day of last year was 9,055. Unlicensed craft (bearing identification numbers only) totaled 2,296 on the first of July, 1934.

Among the pilots' licenses issued were: 7,016 transport, 1,009 limited commercial, 12 industrial, 4,683 private, 374 amateur and 628 solo.

California with 948 led the states in number of aircraft, licensed and unlicensed; New York was second with 816 and Illinois third with 597. Considering licensed aircraft only, California again led with 804; New York followed with 730; and Illinois was third with 519. The greatest number of unlicensed aircraft was in Texas, where there were 149.

In number of licensed pilots, California led with 2,652; New York was second with 1,327 and Illinois third with 858.

There were 590 gliders of which 46 were licensed and 544 unlicensed. Licensed glider pilots numbered 122.

### Wright, Damon Get New Appointments

THEODORE P. WRIGHT, vice-president and general manager of Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Company, Buffalo, has been appointed Director of Engineering for the entire Curtiss-Wright Corporation according to Thomas A. Morgan, president. Wright, who is an outstanding aeronautical engineer, was

recently appointed Chairman of the Curtiss-Wright Engineering Policy and Planning Committee, devoting his entire time to engineering planning and to the engineering problems of Curtiss-Wright.

Mr. Morgan also announced that Ralph S. Damon had been elected vice-president and appointed General Manager of Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Company, at Buffalo, New York. Damon retains his position as president of Curtiss-Wright Airplane Co., of St. Louis, where the construction of commercial airplanes, such as the Curtiss-Wright Condor including both the standard model and the all-sleeper transport plane will be continued.

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### UNITED STATES LEADS WORLD IN AIR EXPORTS

THAT AMERICAN aeronautical products are now finding more favor in foreign countries and are now more widely used than those of other nations, is disclosed in a report of the American Manufacturers Association. Great Britain, our closest competitor, led in aeronautical exports in 1931 with \$8,441,000 in sales while the U. S. exported \$4,867,000 worth of aeronautical products. However, in 1933, American sales were \$9,203,000 and British \$6,210,000.

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### Stinson Sales Total Half Million

SALES OF the Stinson Aircraft Corp., Wayne, Mich., for the first six months of the company's current fiscal year were worth approximately \$500,000, or nearly 300 per cent greater than during the similar period last year, according to B. D. DeWeese, president.

Practically the entire amount of business was done on the new Stinson Reliant, the newest four-place cabin plane designed for commercial and private use, DeWeese said. Sales are expected to increase materially when the new Stinson tri-motored Airliner goes into volume production within the next few weeks.

A sharp increase in export sales was accredited by DeWeese to improved business conditions in the Orient and South America where the needs for air transportation call for rugged and dependable construction of aircraft, outstanding features of American products.

### Howell Heads Air Board

THE WIDELY heralded aviation commission, appointed by President F. D. Roosevelt to study aviation in this country, is headed by Clark Howell, Atlanta, Ga., publisher, and consists of Jerome Hunsaker, E. P. Warner, F. K. Lane, Jr., and Albert J. Berres.

By order of the president, J. Carroll Cone, assistant Director of Air Commerce, was chosen executive secretary of the commission.

Military, commercial and private flying will be studied and plans will be prepared for open hearings, expected to start in September. During this month, members of the commission will conduct investigations throughout the country.

### New Boeing Gets Geared Engines

AFTER EXTENDED tests at Seattle, Wash., a Boeing transport modified to incorporate features of the forthcoming Boeing 247-D model was flown to Hartford, Conn., for installation of new geared Wasp engines. Known as S1H1-G's, the Wasps will be of the same type as those to be standard equipment on the Model 247-D transports to be delivered to United Air Lines next month and for sale to the general market. The 247-D will have a considerable increase in speed over that shown for the original Boeing Model 247 twin-engined transport.

The plane flown to the Pratt Whitney plant is the first Model 247 produced by the Boeing Airplane Company in 1933, completely changed to the Model 247-D's type.

### Low Priced Plane Being Built

ACCORDING TO the Hobart, Okla., *Democrat-Chief*, J. B. and R. L. Cooper, brothers and owners of Sportsmen's Airplane Supply Co., of Hobart, have set up a plant and will attempt to build an airplane to sell for \$700 and also meet the approval of the Department of Commerce.

At present the company is building two airplanes, one of which it is hoped will sell for \$1000.

### Berry Appoints Representative

THE AVIATION Division of Berry Brothers, Detroit, Mich., manufacturers of Berryloid aircraft finishes, announces the appointment of M. C. Lault as representative in the eastern seaboard states south of New York. Lault has been flying for many years and at one time headed the aviation department of a well-known oil company. More recently, he was associated with the Bureau of Air Commerce in engineering work in California.

Another recent appointment was that of Harold Acker as Aviation Chemist in charge of all development, testing and research work on aircraft finishes.

Acker was formerly with the Philadelphia Aircraft Factory where he was engaged in developing protective coatings for aircraft.

### Kendall Distributor Appointed

ACCORDING TO Howard Ailor of Waco Sales of New York, this company has been appointed distributor for Kendall Oil at Roosevelt Field. Mr. Ailor also announces that the Daily News has taken delivery of a Wright-powered Cabin Waco and Dr. R. G. Tunison has purchased a Waco Cabin on floats to be used in commuting from his country estate to New York City.

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### Approved Type Certificates Awarded

THE DEPARTMENT of Commerce, Bureau of Air Commerce, has issued approved type certificates covering seven models of aircraft and three engines as follows:

Stinson Aircraft Corp., Wayne, Mich., model Reliant SR5, four-place closed land monoplane, powered by Lycoming R680-4 engine of 225 h.p. Weights: empty 2200, useful load 1075, gross 3275. A. T. C. No. 530.

Stinson, model Reliant SR5D, four-place closed land monoplane powered by a Lycoming R680 engine of 215 h.p. Weights: empty 2166, useful load 1075, gross 3241. A. T. C. No. 531.

Kinner Airplane and Engine Corp., Ltd., Glendale, Calif., model C7, four-place closed land monoplane, powered by a Kinner C7 engine of 300 h.p. Weights: empty 2530, useful load 1470, gross 4000. A. T. C. No. 532.

Krieger Reiser Aircraft Corp., Hagerstown, Md., model Fairchild 24 C8C, two or three-place closed land monoplane, powered by a Warner Super Scarab engine of 145 h.p. Weights: empty 1321, useful load 773, gross 2094. A. T. C. 535.

Stinson, model Reliant SR5A, four-place closed land monoplane powered by a Lycoming R680-6 engine of 245 h.p. Weights: empty 2315, useful load 1075, gross 3390. A. T. C. No. 536.

Stinson, model Reliant SR5E, four-place closed land monoplane powered by a Lycoming R680-4 engine of 225 h.p. Weights: empty 2250, useful load 1075, gross 3325. A. T. C. No. 537.

Waco Aircraft Co., Troy, Ohio, model CJC, four-place closed land monoplane powered by a Wright Whirlwind R760 engine of 250 h.p. Weights: empty 1976, useful load 1224, gross 3200. A. T. C. No. 538.

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp., E. Hartford, Conn., model Wasp S5D, 9 cylinder, radial, air-cooled engine rated 450 h.p. at 220 r.p.m. at 10,000 ft. Octane 80. A. T. C. No. 124.

### May Exports Total \$844,181

A SLIGHT decrease in the value of American aeronautical exports was evidenced in May, 1934, when \$844,181 was realized from the sale of aircraft, engines, parts and accessories to foreign countries. The total was made up of \$550,600 for 33 airplanes, \$111,881 for 30 engines and the balance for parachutes, parts and accessories. The export sales for the previous month totaled \$1,318,391.

China spent \$446,604 for 18 airplanes and parts and accessories, while Colombia spent \$54,801 for 2 engines, parachutes and other equipment. Our third best customer during the month was Bolivia, which spent \$54,141 for American aeronautical products. Italy spent the greatest amount for engines, \$41,439; China

for aircraft, \$435,204; Colombia for parachutes, \$1,250, and Bolivia for parts and accessories, \$38,162.

Other countries purchasing American aircraft during the month included Norway (1); United Kingdom (1); Costa Rica (1); Mexico (4); Brazil (4), and Argentina (2).

### Aero Chamber To Move To Washington

EXECUTIVE OFFICES of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce will be moved from New York City to the Shoreham Building, Washington, D.C., on August 14. The library and general information service of the Chamber are to remain in New York.

## IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FEDERAL AIRWAYS

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and made repeated and unassisted landings. The Department of Commerce previously had conducted blind landings with a small training plane, but it was felt that the real value of the system could not be demonstrated until a large, heavily-loaded transport plane could use it successfully.

Radio eventually may take over some of the functions now assigned to wires. Already the Bureau makes use of point-to-point radio transmitters and receivers for relaying weather information and other messages, to supplement the teletypewriter weather reporting circuits. Experiments are going forward with radio-operated teletypewriters. The machines are much like those operated over telephone wires—a message typed on a machine at the sending stations goes out by radio, is received and operates a typewriting machine at the receiving station. These teletypewriter circuits are used for dissemination of hourly weather reports along the airways, for transmission of weather maps every four hours, and for reporting the progress of aircraft.

If final results of the experiments show that the teletypewriter machines on the Federal Airways System can be operated by radio, this will result in a saving to the government through the elimination of the leased landwires.

Another experimental project in the same general field is distant control of radio range beacons by radio. The method used for starting and stopping radio range beacons by means of a dial switch and a telephone circuit has already been mentioned in connection with distant control. In some cases, where telephone circuits may not be available, the same end may be accomplished by a small, low-powered radio transmitter at the control station and a receiving set at the radio beacon house.

In the routine operation of the teletypewriter weather reporting service during the past year, service to airmen was

### Seapak Used For Insulation

ADOPTION OF Seapak as a sound and temperature insulation agent in the new Vultee transport has been announced by the Seaman Paper Co., Chicago, manufacturers of the material. Aircraft Development Corp., Glendale, Calif., are the manufacturers of the Vultee transport.

At present, the material is being used on a number of new transport models including the Douglas, Condor, Boeing, Stinson, Northrop and Lockheed types.

According to George M. Seaman, president of the company, Seapak consists of kapok in flexible sheet, a development evolved after two years of research by the company's engineers.

enhanced in efficiency by distant control of radio stations, bringing all the personnel of an airways communication station into one office where various functions can be better coordinated. Introduction of a symbol method for transmission of weather reports speeded up these transmissions, enabling the teletypewriter system to carry more traffic. Operators have been required to improve technique so that they send 35 to 40 words a minute, the mechanical limit of the system.

Publication of maps for airmen is now a responsibility of the Air Navigation Division. (The actual compilation and printing is done by the Coast and Geodetic Survey.) Eight new sectional airway maps have been issued since July 1, 1933, bringing the total now in circulation to 25. The program contemplates charting of the entire United States with 87 maps of the sectional type.

For the Federal Airways System as a whole, the Bureau of Air Commerce is introducing a maintenance control procedure which will place the operation of the aids to air navigation on a business basis, and give the Department a reliable check on the cost of airway maintenance operations.

From these records complete information can be obtained as to all equipment installed, maintenance work performed, and costs for each unit, for each airways district, and for the entire Federal Airways System.

The reports cover operation of radio and lighting equipment, and isolate causes of failures. The system also involves standardization of procedure wherever possible, and provides for salvaging each piece of equipment that can possibly be reclaimed.

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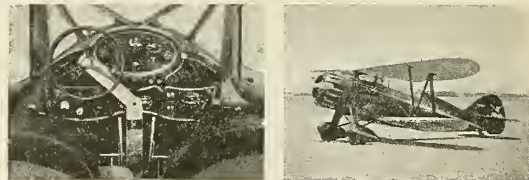
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• AS USUAL, Karl Ort has just issued a most complete and comprehensive catalog of aeronautical accessories. Contained in this 32-page book are prices and descriptions of almost every conceivable type of accessory, equipment and device needed by pilots, manufacturers and others.

An exceptionally well-prepared piece of literature, this catalog is a veritable storehouse of information of what Ort has for sale at his York, Pa., plant. Written in a light and interesting manner, this book contains all the information desired by a potential purchaser, while at the same time deviating from the usual cut-and-dried style of the every-day catalog and price list.

## Parks Training

• MAKING A definite appeal to those persons who are desirous of entering the fast-growing aviation industry, Parks Air College, E. St. Louis, Ill., has prepared an interesting folder telling of the courses taught and the advantages to be derived by an aviation enthusiast who takes them.

Photos of students at work, types of ships used and a description of the multitude of courses given at the school, together with tuition costs, are included. It is an interesting presentation of what the future holds for those with vision enough to get a thorough and practical training in the various arts of aviation.

## Spartan School

• A MOST pretentious and comprehensive catalog has just been published by the Spartan School of Aeronautics of Tulsa, Okla. Its pages, telling of the courses offered, are extremely well laid out with the copy and illustrations made up in an alluring style. The photographs show only Spartan equipment, Spartan activity and the instructors of many courses. Such topics as radio, blind and night flying, the ground school, the Dawn Patrol, the mechanics courses and the Spartan factory and hangar, are treated in an interesting and readable presentation. A complete catalog of all courses, tuition, etc., is also contained therein.

## Insulated Cable

• A PRESENTATION by the General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., of the information required to determine the cable best suited for a particular application. It is a reference book on insulated cable for transmission and distribution of electric power at normal frequencies entitled "How to Select Insulated Cable."

In this book there is presented an exposition of the advantages and limitations

of the various materials available, together with the engineering data required to enable a man, knowing his operating conditions, to decide what type or types of cable will best meet his requirements. While the basic assumptions on which the data were calculated are clearly stated, no attempt is made to present any theoretical consideration either simple or complex.

When several types of cable are technically satisfactory for a given application, the choice is usually an economic one. The subject of cable economics does not properly fall within the scope of this book, and is touched on only lightly to insure that an economic decision will not be based on the price of the cable alone, to the exclusion of other important factors. A complete economic study for any particular application can be made only by getting together the complete costs of the various alternative ways of doing the job and comparing them.

## Protective Coatings

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It is written in easy-flowing, non-technical style, is well-illustrated and should be found interesting.

## Selling Air Transportation

• UNITED AIR Lines has just completed publication of a brochure which is comparable to the efforts of railroad literature aimed at building up passenger revenue.

It is an attempt on the part of the transport company to foster air travel to the western playgrounds of the United States and is a creditable piece of work from the angle of information, interest, typography and illustrations.

"Fly to America's National Parks" shows the United Air Lines route in relation to its position to the national forests, parks and dude ranches. It pictures some of the outstanding points of interest in these parks and makes a definite appeal to the traveler and vacationist to fly to these wonder spots of the country.

## Bronze-Welding

• RECENT ADVANCES in the use of the oxy-acetylene bronze-welding process, have resulted in the publication by The Linde Air Products Co., New York, N. Y., of a new edition of the eight-page pamphlet entitled, "The Progress of Bronze-Welding." Similar in form to previous editions, it contains a comprehensive and instructive story.

The subject matter is arranged so that procedures for work on cast iron, malleable iron, steel and wrought iron, copper, and brass and bronze are each discussed.

In order to satisfy a growing desire on the part of many to know more about the metallurgical aspects of bronze-welding, the company has added another five-page pamphlet to its technical literature. Entitled "The Principles of Bronze-Welding," it discusses the compositions and strength characteristics of bronze-welding rods, the underlying theory of the flowing of bronze-weld material, and certain important elements of welding techniques.

## MacRobertson Race

• CONTAINED IN the July 15, 1934 issue of Notice to Aviators, published by the Navy Department's Hydrographic Office, is the most complete data on the London-Melbourne route yet seen and the information contained therein should be of inestimable value to those contemplating entering the MacRobertson race this fall.

The section of the route from London to Karachi contains a description of the airports at the control and checking points as well as descriptions of important intermediate fields. From Karachi to Melbourne general information on the route is given as well as descriptions of the airports.

Location and field sketches of the various control and checking points together with an outline of the entire route have been published on the backs of the Upper Air Pilot Charts of the North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans. Copies of these charts are available upon request to the Hydrographic Office in Washington or from authorized agents of the office at 10 cents each.

On the London-Melbourne route the following maps and charts are available:

Topographical maps of the interior on a scale of 1:1,000,000; nautical charts of all coasts and sea passages on a scale as far as possible between 1:500,000 and 1:1,000,000; these maps may be obtained from the International Map Co., 90 West Street, New York City, and C. S. Hammond & Co., 30 Church Street, New York City. The nautical charts may be obtained from the Hydrographic Department.

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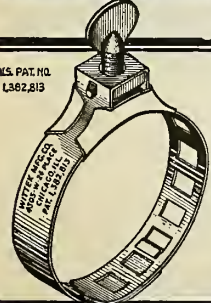
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# FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

## Australasia

THE AUSTRALIAN built Codock has successfully passed all department tests and has obtained its certificate of airworthiness, but its proposed flight to New Zealand has been postponed until after the winter months.

QANTAS EMPIRE Airways has tentatively fixed December 11 as the date of opening of regular air mail service from Australia to England. Passengers will not be carried until early in March, 1935. Four-engined DH 86 airliners will be used and the company has already taken delivery on the first of these high-speed aircraft.

AN ORDER for 24 Seagull V amphibions has been placed by the Department of Defense of Australia which has set aside £345,000 for the planes, parts and spares in addition to tools and materials for repair and construction. Catapults are to be installed on the cruisers *Australia* and *Canberra*, each of which will carry one of the new planes.

## Canada

A REPORT of aviation activity in Canada for the first three months of this year shows a growing interest in all phases of the industry.

Canadian air mail for the period considered totaled 217,477 pounds, with the heaviest run being from Moncton, N. B., to Charlottetown, P. E. I., a winter schedule. Other heavy runs were the Quebec-Seven Islands and Quebec-Natashquan routes over which 53,000 pounds of mail were carried. A total of 973 trips were scheduled, and 173,141 miles flown during the three months.

There were 354 private pilots, 383 commercial pilots and 412 engineers licensed

as well as 300 commercial planes and 98 air harbors.

Among the commercial operators flying air mail routes, Canadian Airways' Eastern Division, in addition to mail, carried 937 pounds of express and 420 passengers. National Air Transport, Ltd., carried 878 pounds of express and 48 passengers, and General Airways, Ltd., carried 5961 pounds of express and 440 passengers.

The Light Airplane Club of Canada, government sponsored, inaugurated its seventh year of operation this winter, and for the first three months of 1934 showed a membership of 1809 in 23 clubs. Sixty-six planes were being used by 364 members under instruction; 1097 hours were flown and 19 private as well as 12 commercial pilot licenses were issued during that time.

ON JULY 1, Vancouver and other British Columbia points were placed in direct airline contact with virtually every major city in the United States when United Air Lines opened direct daily passenger-express schedules into Canada. One daily round-trip is being flown in Boeing 247 transports which maintain a 55-minute schedule between Seattle and Vancouver. United has established offices in the administration building at the Sea Island airport and at the Georgia Hotel.

## Great Britain

MORE THAN 250,000 persons gathered at Hendon, England, to witness the annual Royal Air Force display and watch the Prince of Wales fly his own plane into the airport and make a perfect landing on the field.

This year there were fifteen planes and one autogiro in the New Type Aircraft Park, some of them outstanding military types. In addition there was also dis-

played a number of new engines, parts and accessories.

Among the new-type military craft was the Hawker High-speed *Fury*, powered by a Rolls-Royce *Goshawk* engine. It is an interceptor fighter and is reported to have a speed of 250 m.p.h. Other interesting military types were the Supermarine day and night fighter, a Westland fighter, Hawker Day-Bomber, Hawker *Hart*, Bristol fighter, Houston-Westland PV 3, Westland general purpose bomber and torpedo carrier, Armstrong Whitworth general purpose biplane, Blackburn B6 torpedo-spotter-reconnaissance shipplane, the Fairey general purpose biplane and the Boulton and Paul *Overstrand*, twin-engined bomber. The Handley-Page *Heyford* Night Bomber and the new wingless type autogiro also aroused considerable comment. In the commercial exhibit, forty-seven firms exhibited their products.

JERSEY AIRWAYS, Ltd., has inaugurated service between London and Jersey, lowering the time (by boat) between the two cities by nine hours.

One round-trip will be made during the early stages of the service, but this will be increased later on. Fares are slightly higher than the cost of a first-class train and steamer ticket, but the service already has been well patronized in the short time it is operating.

AN EXCLUSIVE air express service was established between Manchester and London by a Manchester firm of transport operators who are flying 160 mile-an-hour freighters capable of carrying one ton of payload. Daily flights are made on a three-hour schedule and it is proposed to extend K. L. M.'s Amsterdam-Hull service to Manchester for a possible tie-up.

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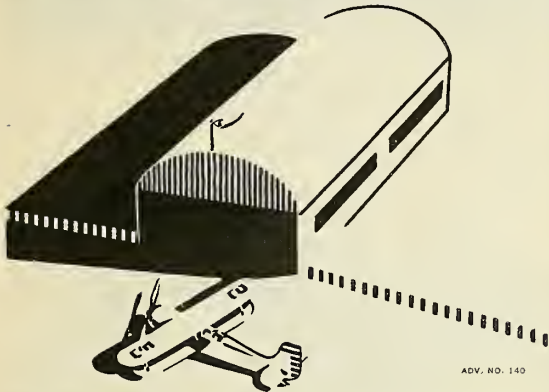
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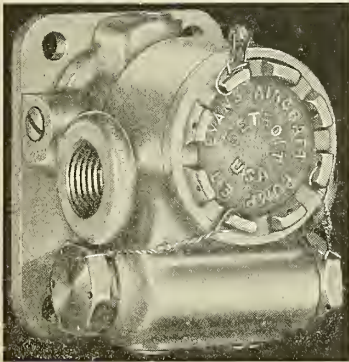
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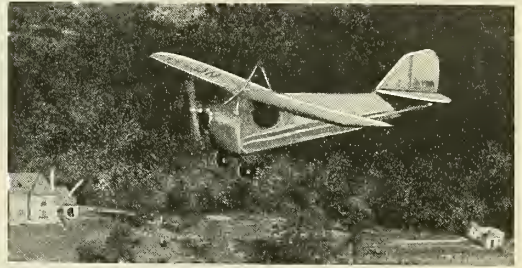
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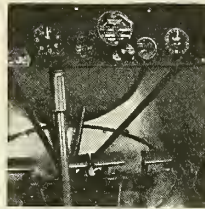
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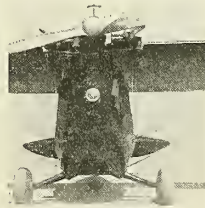
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LUNKEN AIRPORT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

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## Germany

DEUTSCHE SCHIFF und Maschinenbau A. G. (Deschimag) of Bremen has formed a subsidiary company known as the Weser-Flugzeugbau for the construction of aircraft. This is the third German industry which has turned to the building of planes.

THE AIRPORTS at Koenigsberg, Munich and Frankfort will shortly be equipped with radio landing beacons, following the successful termination of tests of the installation by Deutsche Luft Hansa. Most of the commercial pilots have been instructed in the use of the new equipment which replaces the "ZZ" system used up to the present. Perfection of this system, made possible by adding a supplementary beacon indicating the angle of descent as an aid in blind landings, is expected to come within a year.

DERULUFT, the Russian-German airline, reports a 179 per cent increase in passenger traffic to Leningrad and a 118 per cent increase to Moscow for May, 1934, compared with the same month last year. The volume of air mail and express carried also increased by more than 100 per cent.

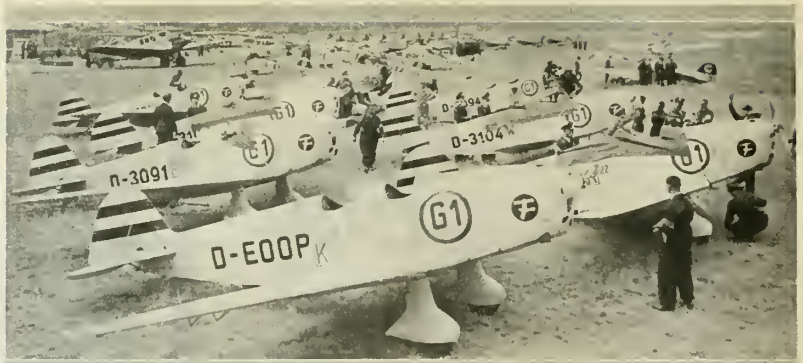
AIR LAWS in Germany have been modified so that full control over all air navigation now is in the hands of the National Government and such authority which formerly rested in the states is now held by the central authority. The law provides, among other things, for the strict control of aerial photography and calls upon the states to place their aviation officials at the service of the Reich, when necessary.

## Italy

ON THE recommendation of the president of the Royal Italian Aero Club, Premier Mussolini has appointed Comdt. Eugenio Gandolfi as temporary General Secretary of the Club, a position which has been vacant since the former secretary left a year ago.

GENERAL VALLE, Under-Secretary of Air, inspected the military air forces stationed at Bresso, Milan; Lonato Pozzolo, Gallarate; and the bombing school at Malpensa, Milan. He also visited the Savoia Marchetti factory at Sesto Calende and at the Cameri airport he witnessed experimental flights of new-type military aircraft.

RECENT TESTS of a Breda 27 single-seater fighter indicated that the plane has a high speed of more than 225 miles an hour. Piloted by Ildebrando Artigiani, the plane was flown between Milan



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and Rome, a distance of about 315 miles, in 1 hour 21 minutes, flying a good part of the way at more than 16,500 feet. Artigiani clipped 9 minutes off the old record for a flight between these cities.

## Norway

THE OSLO-COPENHAGEN summer service operated by Deutsche Luft Hansa is now flying with Ju-52 Hornet-powered tri-motored seaplanes carrying 16 passengers. At Copenhagen, passengers for British and continental points are transferred to land planes. During the first ten days of the service, traffic increased four times over that carried last year for the same period.

LIEUT. WIDEROE, a young Norwegian officer has made a number of successful flights in his Waco cabin plane carrying passengers from Oslo to the mountains for winter sports. In order to operate more efficiently, the pilot has equipped his plane with skis.

## Poland

AN INTERESTING feature of the 1934 Challenge de Tourisme International which will be held in Warsaw, Poland, from September 7-16 will be the participation of foreign aircraft powered by American engines. Twelve Menasco B6S engines are to be in the 6000-mile tour, the winner of which will be judged on a formula covering speed and efficiency. Foreign companies purchasing Menasco engines for planes in the tour are the Polish manufacturers Panstwaine Zaklady Lotnicze (P. Z. L.), which bought six; Sikeja Lotnicza Studentow Politechnike (R. W. D.), which took three (B6) and the German manufacturer, Bayerische Flugzeugwerke, A. G. (B. F. W.), which also took three.

The meet will be held in three groups: the first from August 28 to September 7, will be for the technical trials; the second, from September 8 to September 15, for the circuit of Europe, and the last

on September 16, when the speed events will be run off.

## South America

THREE CURTISS Kingbirds of the SACO Airlines of Colombia arrived at Bogota on June 23rd, completing a 4200-mile flight from Atlanta, Georgia, a trip which, it is believed, established a new distance record for a massed flight of commercial airplanes. The Kingbirds were purchased from Eastern Air Lines by Ernesto Samper, technical director of the SACO Airlines based in Bogota, and are to be used to augment their established passenger and express service between the principal cities of the country.

Besides Samper, personnel of the flight included Dan Hughes, Jr., G. V. Patterson, Jr., J. S. B. Harvey, E. F. West, W. C. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Addison.

A DECREE of the Brazilian government has authorized a contract with Condor Syndicate for the operation of a weekly service. The proposed route is to be along the railroad between Sao Paulo and Corumba and along the national telegraph lines and stretches of the Paraguay, San Laurencio and Cuyaba rivers. The total mileage is approximately 1,160 and twelve cities will be served.

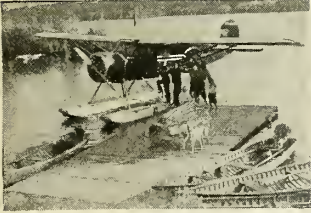
ACCORDING TO the terms of a contract signed by the Brazilian government and Cia. Nacional de Construccoes Civis e Hydraulicas, an airport at Rio de Janeiro will be completed by September, 1935. It will be prepared on land known as Ponta de Calabouco and at an estimated cost of about \$850,000.

ENGINEERING students, who complete courses in aerodynamics, meteorology, navigation, theory of flight, engineering, etc., will be awarded an Aeronautical Engineer degree by the University of Cordoba, Argentina. Although these courses have been given for some time, this is the initial instance that so much emphasis has been given them.



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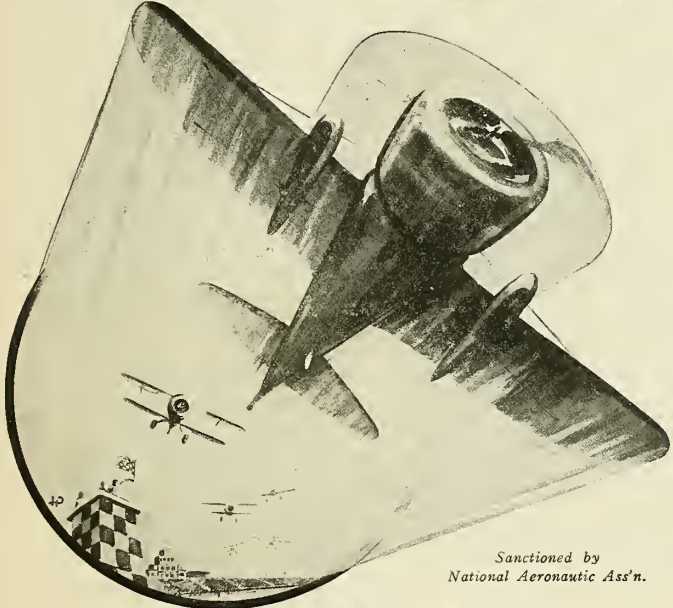


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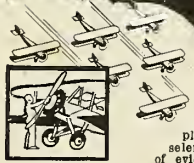
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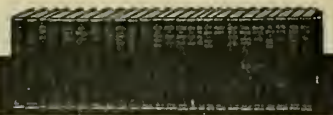
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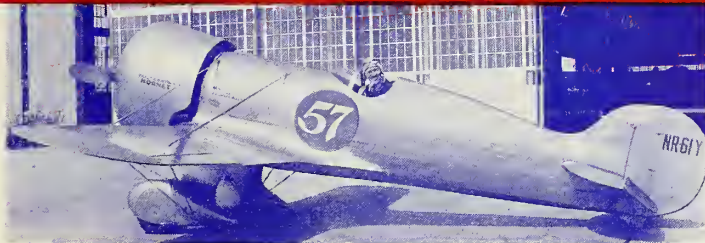
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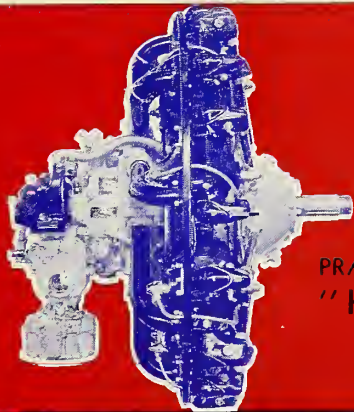


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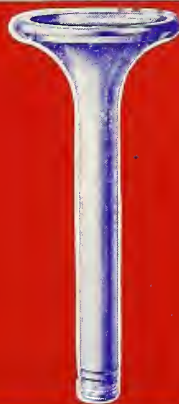
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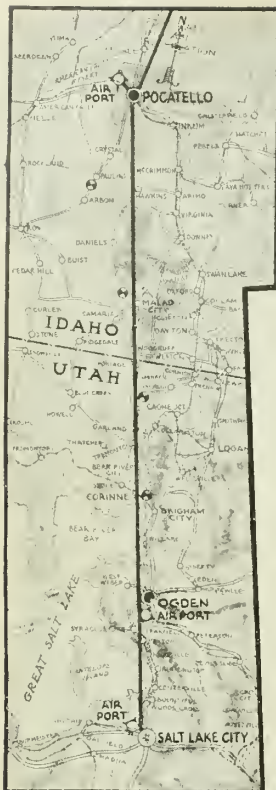
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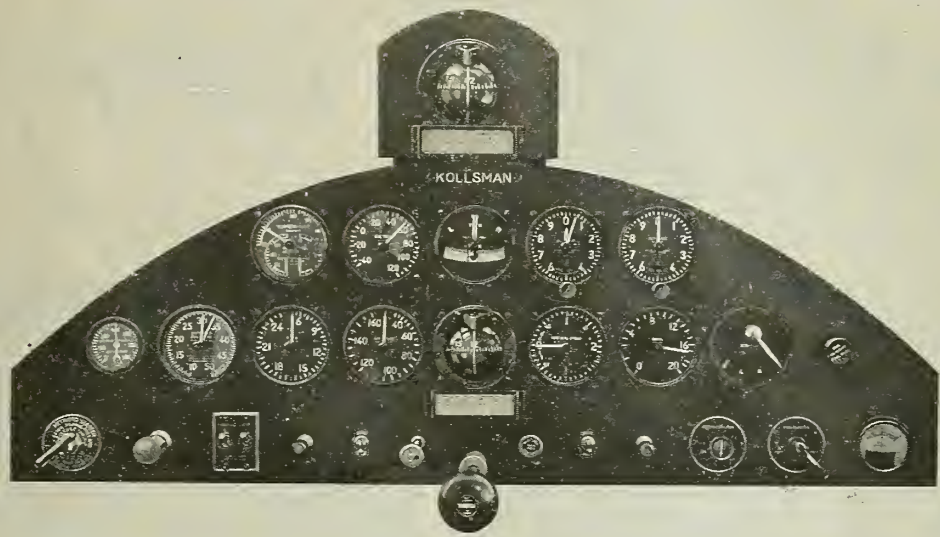
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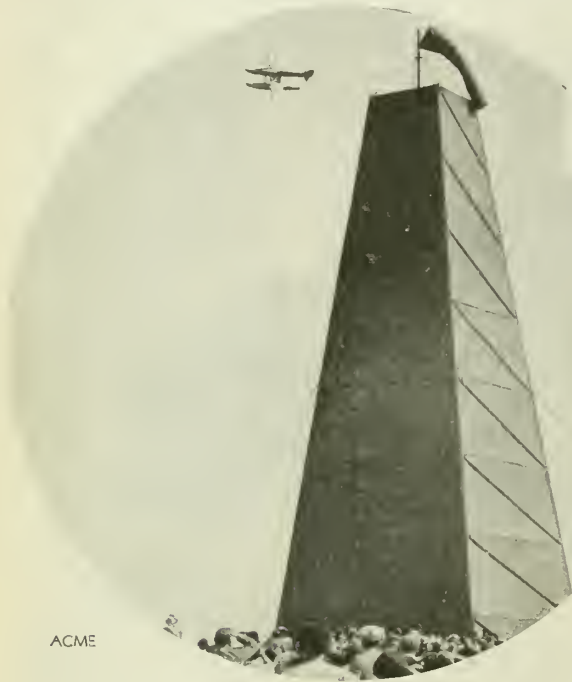
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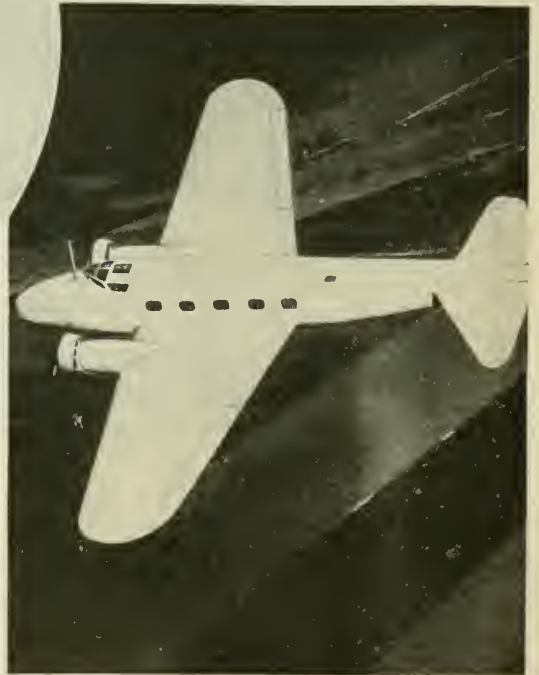
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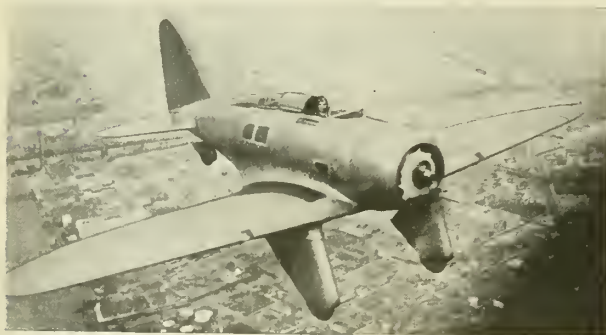
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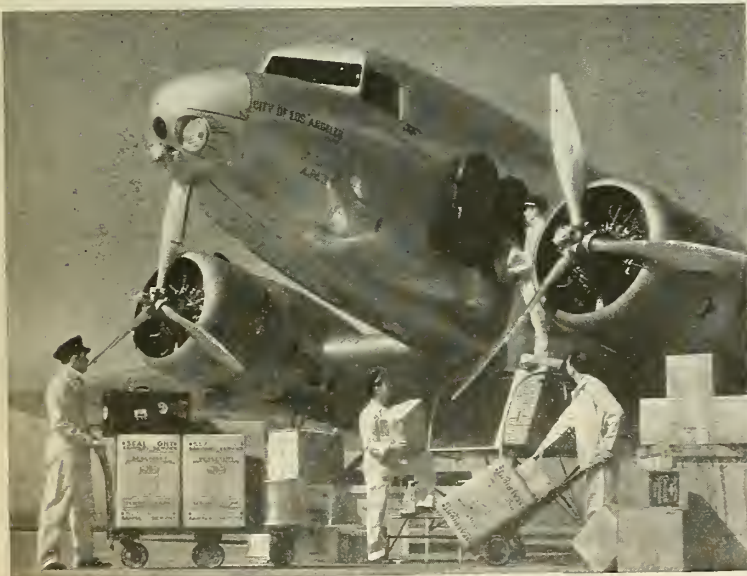
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# Opportunities for the Airplane in Government Service



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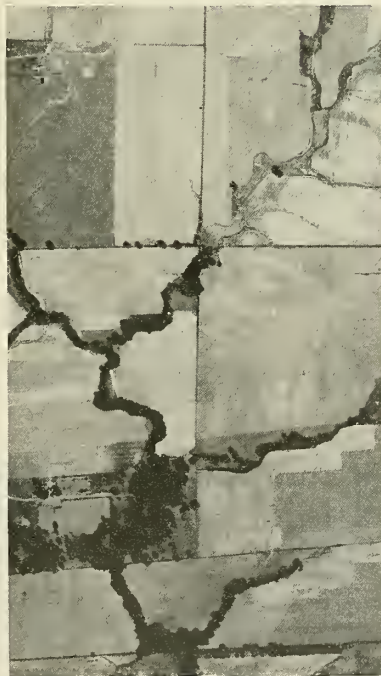
● Federal government departments are realizing more and more that by using the airplane they can speed up their work and increase their usefulness with actual savings in expense. Aviation has long been well established in the War, Navy and Commerce departments where it is a part of the routine, but other non-aeronautical agencies such as the Treasury, Interior and Agricultural departments have increased their use of the airplane in the last few years and probably could still find many advantages for which have not yet been touched.

Other branches of the government provide numerous opportunities for the airplane. Besides increasing their own efficiency, the widespread use of the airplane in the Federal departments would provide a further stimulus to private and industrial operations.

Many of the government departments are constantly making surveys which require the expenditure of months and even years of time and a proportionate amount of money. Some of these could be made by plane in a fraction of the period and at a fraction of the expense. This would not only make the surveys available much sooner, but because of the great savings, they could be made oftener if desired. Aircraft could also be used in many other ways.

In order to evaluate the use of the airplane in the government service, let us first take up the departments that have found it of advantage, and at the same time study the possibilities for further expansion in this regard.

The Coast Guard of the Treasury Department regards the airplane as a neces-



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sary part of its equipment. Some time ago it acquired several new and specially designed aircraft and these have repeatedly demonstrated their value in connection with rescue work at sea. However, this type of work is only a part of that which is required of the Coast Guard. It must prevent smuggling, enforce customs laws, protect fisheries in Alaska, maintain ice patrols in the North Atlantic, and render many other services



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Above: Portion of a vertical photograph at a scale of 1,200 feet to the inch, showing part of a section north of Hartford, Conn., taken from 12,000 feet for tax and other purposes. Left: Area near Miami, Okla., taken as a drainage survey for the Bureau of Soils. Scale, 1,000 feet to the inch

in which the airplane could well be used. Secretary Morgenthau has shown his recognition of this by initiating an expanded program for aviation.

Due to the special nature of its work, it might be advantageous for the Coast Guard to establish an aviation course as a part of the curriculum at its academy at New London, Conn., where its pilots could be trained for the particular types of conditions under which they will be required to operate.

Then in the Customs Service many uses may be found for the airplane in the prevention of smuggling and in investigative work where speed is of paramount importance.

The Public Health Service makes some use of airplanes in the transportation of injured government employees, and probably could use them to a much larger extent in making surveys of sanitary conditions, and in disease suppression work.

Local interest would be stimulated and this country's national defense program would benefit if the War Department were to expand the number of National Guard squadrons so that each state would have its own militia air service.

The Bureau of Air Commerce of the Commerce Department maintains a vast communications network for civilian avi-



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**Left: Crop dusting by plane covers large areas in comparatively little time. Right: Aircraft are successfully utilized in spotting and preventing the spread of forest fires in many sections of the country**

ation purposes that would be taken over by the War Department in the event of a national emergency. The communications sections of the Air Corps and Signal Corps of the War Department could prepare themselves for future emergencies by maintaining closer liaison with the Air Navigation Division of the Bureau of Air Commerce which operates this network.

Interest in aviation in the insular possessions of the United States would be stimulated through the organization of squadrons by the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department in each of the possessions under its jurisdiction.

The airplane's place in the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture is well known. It has been of considerable value in forest planning, mapping, timber and range survey, fire control and emergency transportation, and it may be possible to expand this use even more.

Aerial surveys should prove valuable to the Bureau of Public Roads in determining routes; to the Biological Survey in its conservation of wild life; to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in making surveys; and to the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering in its studies to aid in controlling drainage and soil erosion, and in its irrigation work, where aerial photographs should give in a very short time information that might take months to acquire by land surveys.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the Soil Erosion Service of the De-

partment of the Interior is now having 25,000 square miles of territory photographed from the air, using a special four-couple camera. The National Park Service is also utilizing aerial photography to study locations.

In connection with a social census, which many think is most desirable so far as the future is concerned, aerial photographs would doubtless prove of great value to the Bureau of the Census of the Commerce Department.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration could very well use aerial maps to determine more accurately acreage which can not be accomplished quickly in any other way.

The Bureau of Lighthouses of this department has eight districts on the east coast, two on the west coast, three on the Great Lakes, one at St. Louis, and in addition there are districts at Puerto Rico, Alaska and Hawaii. These districts maintain 22,495 light stations, lightships, radio beacons, buoys and other facilities, all of which require regular inspection. According to the latest information available, this bureau also maintains 55 tenders, 47 lightships, 16 major depots and 28 sub-depots.

All of these facilities must be inspected regularly. With present methods inspections are made by boat. By using sea-

**A bend in the Mississippi River photographed for the purpose of studying the path of the river and flood control in that region**

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planes where possible for the inspections a greater number could be made in a shorter period of time and the boats could be freed for other work. Comparing the \$350,000 initial cost for one of the Bureau's 170-foot boats, with a \$25,000 seaplane, and a yearly operating cost of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for the boat as against a small fraction of that for the plane, the money saving is obvious. However, the full cost for the Bureau's boats can not be charged to inspection work alone as they also are used for transporting supplies, for making repairs and other general purposes. But the savings in inspection costs and the increased efficiency resulting would doubtless be more than enough to justify the use of aircraft.

There is a possibility that the airplane might have some use in the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection for transporting employees in its enforcement and inspection activities.

In the Coast and Geodetic Survey there is no question of the value of the airplane in survey and map making work. This Bureau is now employing a five-lens camera to speed up its work as well as reduce the cost per map mile. Arrangements are now being made to turn over one of the Air Navigation Division's airplanes to the Survey for trial in making aerial photographs along the coast line.

The Bureau of Fisheries should find

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● The New Dealers have some strange ideas about how the American Constitution and American ideals can be twisted into new interpretations. You may think some of them all right, or you may think the whole New Deal is just a slick political shuffle. But there's one increasingly prevalent practice of the Administration which no real American, no one with a sense of justice and fair play, can approve of. That is this ugly, thoroughly reprehensible business of convicting people before they're proved guilty.

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It matters not whether General Foulois is really innocent or guilty. Knowing his loyalty, integrity and intelligence in the past, we have faith that he is innocent. But we don't know. No man knows. No man *can* know until he is given a fair and open trial.

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#### Showing Up the Politicians

But make no mistake about it—politicians of the Farley-Rogers stamp are threatening that ideal RIGHT NOW.

Their method is cunning and cruel. Whoever incurs their wrath is crucified on the cross of special privilege. They know how to use mob psychology to attain their nefarious ends. The procedure is simple—they choose their victim, point the finger of guilt and start shouting "intrenched interests," "special privilege," "playing favorites," "collusion" and a hundred other epithets calculated to convince the public that, ah, here is another of those dirty dogs who have been raiding the forgotten man's pockets!

Un-American though it is, this method

usually works, because, after five long years of depression, the public is looking for someone to blame for its troubles. In the case of the air mail contractors, however, Farley and his ilk got fooled. Public opinion back-fired on them. The Government's miserable attempt to carry the mail itself made a farce of all the slurs and accusations. "How," the public wanted to know, "could the civil air mail system be so corrupt when it was obviously the swiftest, surest and most efficient of its kind in the whole world?"

The master politician couldn't answer that one. Then the public went further and started asking, "Why were the air mail operators convicted without a hearing?" The ex-Tammany strategist realized he was about to be caught in his own trap. He backtracked, and returned the air mail to the private carriers, but not without hurling a few more verbal brick bats during his retreat.

But did that end the matter? Oh, no! The politicians had to cover up their tracks. The public was obviously restless about the status of its air defense arm. There were underground rumblings as a result of the Air Corps' unfortunate showing while carrying the mail. The planes seemed inefficient, the pilots inexperienced. The public wanted to know why. Certain dangerous explanations (dangerous to the politicians, that is) were bubbling up close to the surface, about to erupt in a geyser of scalding water. The air was pungent with steaming rumors—the Air Corps had been stinted; it had been denied sufficient funds to buy efficient equipment or adequate flying time for its pilots; Congressmen had been seen trooping in and out of the General Staff and Air Corps offices on mysterious missions; some New Deal appointee had been tampering with the specifications for bids on new planes, writing down the performance requirements below the standards of any other air power; the exponents of old-line military tactics were gagging the Air

Corps and shoving it off into the corner. Something had to be done—and done quickly—to save the political day! Find a victim. Throw him into the boiling cauldron. That will keep the geyser from erupting, just as a potato dropped into a bubbling pot stops the water from boiling.

#### Let's Have a Victim!

General Foulois would make a perfect victim. He's handy. He's prominent. It was his Air Corps that fumbled the air mail ball. It was he who had charge of procurement and training. Great! Blame *everything* on him. Gather the cohorts of ballyhoo and blow on the trumpets—until the public is convinced that the culprit has been found. Then throw him into the dungeon and forget about him.

Figuratively speaking, that apparently is just about what has happened to the Chief of the Air Corps. Through the Rogers sub-committee of the House Military Affairs Committee, he was slurred as being incompetent, inefficient, dishonest and neglectful of his duty. The press was flooded with accusations breaking the backbone of his reputation. The result has been that, in the public mind, he stands convicted. So the politicians are satisfied. They are willing to let the matter drop. They've covered their tracks. Why worry about justice or fair play?

It is this sort of scheming that is dangerous to American institutions and ideals. If General Foulois is suspected of being guilty, he should be given a fair hearing. There is nothing so mean and cowardly as to besmirch a man's character and then walk off leaving him in a position where he cannot reply. Yet that is what they apparently are doing to General Foulois. He is a soldier; he cannot defend his conduct except at a duly specified time and place. They have convicted him in the eyes of the public. Now they have nonchalantly strolled away and forgotten him.

By their tactics, they jeopardize the whole principle of the American judiciary system. No longer, apparently, do we have trial by jury. No, we have trial by error.

"There has been a general tendency in recent years to increase air armaments throughout the world, and there is a general trend toward the adoption of a definite air strategy wherein aircraft is contemplated as a primary offensive arm. In the United Kingdom, our new program will raise the number of machines from 844 to 1,304 if the program as I detailed it to the House is carried out in its entirety to the term of five years."—STANLEY BALDWIN, Acting Prime Minister of England.

## The National Air Races

● We can look back with fond recollection to the time when all branches of the industry turned out for the aircraft shows and air races that became frequent affairs during the "flying season."

Since that period, much has transpired, and only a few companies remain where once there were many. Despite this, the remaining portion of industry has plodded on to achieve such technical progress that the term "flying season," as we knew it then, no longer exists.

Annual aircraft shows have been lost in the natural desire to conserve expenses and eliminate costly exhibitions, yet continuing as though nothing has happened, is the extravaganza known as the National Air Races.

This year, from the 31st of August to the 3rd of September, the atmosphere around the Cleveland Municipal Airport will pulsate to the vibrations set up by specially-designed speedy aircraft as they fly from pylon to pylon in quest of greater speed and racing glory. It is one of the few events left to remind us that aviation has not passed away with the "good old days," but is here to stay and to rise to even greater heights from year to year.

The proving ground for products of aeronautical engineering genius and the development station for unproven advancements that soon will become part of our everyday aeronautical life, the National Air Races are worthy of substantial encouragement.

## Regulations for the Airlines

● The new regulations adopted at the conference between the airline operators and the Bureau of Air Commerce offer the operators an opportunity of making air transportation the safest as well as the fastest medium of travel. These newly-formulated rules should be instrumental in bringing the air transport business to a high point in transportation efficiency. Not only will they promote the efficiency of the vast airline system in the United States, but they also will increase the safety of flight in scheduled operations.

Paramount was the desire to make air transportation and the airliner safer than

any other form of travel. Restrictions were placed on single-engined planes while operations of multi-engined craft were allowed more latitude if the craft demonstrated its ability to operate safely, although not as efficiently, with one of the engines out of commission.

Recognition was made of the great advancement in speed, range and dependability of the modern airliner, allowing them to operate over bad weather areas and to fly distances that would have been considered an impossible handicap to safe flying only a few years ago.

Further evidence of the desire to increase safety is seen in the rules calling for treatment of routes by the division method, with pilots and planes adapted to particular terrain and operating over no other route; the periodic demonstration by pilots of their ability to fly blind and navigate by radio beacons and the move to require the licensing of all airline dispatchers.

The sensible and diplomatic manner in which these rules were presented and approved by both sides indicates that the airline operators appreciate the necessity for continuing to give first consideration to the safety of their passengers.

## Overnight Flight From Coast to Coast

● One of the industry's fondest dreams was realized last month when the continent was spanned by a regularly scheduled overnight passenger service between cities on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Bringing Los Angeles and New York within 18 hours of one another is the beginning of a more intensive trade and travel activity between coast cities, for it is now possible to have an early dinner in New York or Los Angeles and then on the following morning enjoy breakfast in a city 3,000 miles away. Evidencing the speed offered, copies of AERO DIGEST published in New York on August first were delivered in Los Angeles on the following morning.

An interesting feature associated with this service is the casual manner with which transcontinental passengers depart from and arrive at the air terminals. There is no appearance of haste or confusion on the part of passengers or personnel. Even when the ship has taken off, the pilot leisurely circles the field,

gaining altitude before heading for the coast. It is difficult for observers to realize fully that TWA's Douglas transport will land its eighteen passengers on the opposite coast within 18 hours including three stops for fuel en route, yet this daily routine is carried out with precision.

Luxurious transportation at high altitudes in fast comfortable, sound-proofed airplanes with controlled ventilation seems to be the answer to modern travelers' demands. And the manufacturers and operators remind us that today's equipment and fast schedules are but another forward step in the march of air travel progress.

## Advancement Of Invention

● If there is one place where the history of the aspirations and achievements of the inventive genius on which America peculiarly prides itself is summarized, it is in the U. S. Patent Office. At the World's Fair of 1934 at Chicago, the Patent Office, in its exhibit in the U. S. Government Building, surveys the American record of inventiveness.

In the number of patents issued the United States has the figures to back its claims. Since the organization of our federal government 1,897,932 patents have been issued by the Patent Office up to January 1, 1934. Nearest to this record is France with 871,532. Great Britain has 797,153, Germany 583,728, and Italy 273,598. Canada rates high in inventiveness in proportion to population, with a total of 325,800 patents issued. Japan since its modernization has issued 83,361 patents and the U. S. S. R. has issued 63,992.

Among the states last year, New York led with 8,017 patents issued. Illinois was next with 4,923. Ohio and Pennsylvania almost tied for third honors with 3,880 and 3,876 respectively. The north-temperate zone atmosphere seems most favorable to the labors of inventors, as Mississippi is on the list with 49 patents for the year, while Louisiana and Georgia have 141 each.

Millions of patents issued, millions of dollars and millions of days of labor expended on working models. The inventor is a scientist and prophet combined. Without him the industrial world would remain static.

# The Ideal Aircraft Dealer

from the viewpoint  
of a manufacturer



H. EICHHAMMER

Fairchild Airplane Sales Corp.

● The gradual, but definitely noticeable, improvement in general business conditions during the past year has resulted in a sudden upturn in the private owner aircraft market. Practically all of the major aircraft manufacturers are not only working full blast up to absolute code limits, but actually have found it difficult to bring deliveries to within shouting distance of the demand. Delays of thirty to sixty days have been the rule rather than the exception.

Especially pleasing is the fact that the greater percentage of sales is in the higher priced fields—ships selling between \$4,000 and \$8,000. Prospects who have been on the proverbial “fence” for many months are buying this year. B. D. DeWeese, president of the Stinson Aircraft Company, reports sales of approximately \$500,000 for the first six months of 1934; a 300 per cent increase over 1933. The Waco Aircraft Company exceeded its 1933 total as early as April. All Fairchild deliveries are far behind orders despite capacity production of 20 planes monthly. Other companies report similar growth, an outlook that is most encouraging, especially for dealers who have the business initiative to adopt sound and proven merchandising methods in the disposal of airplanes.

Unfortunately, there are still a great many aircraft dealers, who, despite the franchise granted them by manufacturers, do not fill the role as the essential merchandising link between the builder and the buyer. Less than 10 per cent of them are on par with the average automobile dealer. The depression has, of course, practically eliminated that group which had no stock in trade but the ability to fly an airplane. A few managed to survive the last three years by a meager income derived from student training. Most of them, however, have finally learned that a haphazard demonstration of their own stunting skill was not making sales. They have, therefore, been forced out of the picture.

During the lean years, most sales were made direct by the manufacturing companies through field representatives. This method of direct selling was neither de-

sirable nor efficient. The manufacturer's representative was forced to scour vast areas to find the few ready-made prospects who existed. A representative of a well-known company made no less than six zigzagging trips from coast-to-coast during six months. Others have been forced to similar expensive distribution methods. Inasmuch as an airplane sale is usually a combination of many factors—advertising, direct mail, correspondence, telegrams, demonstrations, procrastination, actual flight instruction, etc.,—a tremendous amount of effort was wasted because the field representative could not remain in constant touch with prospects. Even more unfortunate was the fact that no satisfactory local service could be arranged for the purchaser in many instances. This is, by its very nature, a distinct dealer obligation—an obligation that the manufacturer cannot conceivably handle satisfactorily.

It is obvious that direct selling of the popular types of aircraft has no more permanent place in the aircraft industry than it has in the automobile or motorboat field. Though it was done extensively in the last three years, the trend was a matter of necessity, not of choice. The time for its elimination has arrived. Most manufacturers are ready for it now, and will gladly turn over the distribution of their planes to competent dealers, paying them well for their efforts. All we need now are enough competent dealers.

Any person familiar with basic merchandising psychology can appreciate the vast difference between the stage-setting of a \$4,000 to \$8,000 airplane set-up and the \$500 to \$800 automobile dealer's establishment. The auto dealer has brand-new, shiny models on display in a carpeted showroom. Neatly framed photographs pictorialize other models. Large charts point out quality features. Easels contain individual parts for close exami-

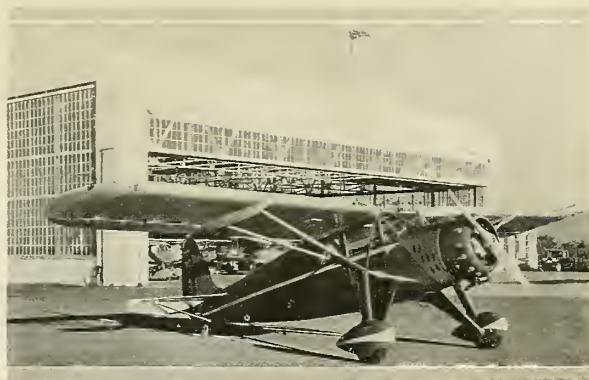
nation. Side tables contain literature. Exact prices, delivered, are prominently displayed. Comfortable divans invite a longer stay. Above all, intelligent salesmen discuss the respective merits of the product and demonstrate the important features on the highway.

On the other hand, the average airplane dealer is usually in a hangar full of ships. Oil spots on dusty concrete floors have to be carefully avoided. Prospective purchasers squirm around fuselages, bump against tail groups and duck underneath wings. They see the ship in which they are interested—crowded in behind others. There is no perspective, no full view, no suitable lighting. Their hands get dirty from dust. The sales comments are unintelligent and general, and would apply almost equally well to any plane, vacuum cleaner or fly-swatter. After much effort and waiting, the ship is finally available for demonstration—just as soon as it is gassed and oiled. The “demonstration” ride is disconcerting, alarming, and proves only that the dealer is a good pilot. Price? “So much at the factory, and about so much to get it. Might even allow some discount on it. That competitive make? Just a pile of junk! Well, let me know when you're ready.”

This picture may seem a trifle exaggerated, yet every detail has been observed dozens of times. Obviously the prospective buyer is still as far, if not farther, away from closing as ever. Is there any wonder he isn't sold?

In describing the kind of a dealer desired by the aircraft manufacturer it is necessary to picture the idealistic set-up, the ultimate goal which the true dealer should plan for himself. During the early stages of his franchise, it will undoubtedly be necessary to be governed by various financial handicaps, but, unless

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The attractive sales hangar of the Pacific Aircraft Sales Co., Los Angeles, showing the neat surroundings at the field. The ship is ordinarily on display in the front right hand corner and the sales office may be seen at the extension of the hangar, behind the 145 h.p. Super Scarab-powered Fairchild 24

# Program of the National Air Races

Cleveland, Ohio, August 31-September 3

● Recognized as one of the most influential factors in developing aviation, the National Air Races, begin their four-day program on Friday, August 31.

According to Clifford and Philip Henderson, managing director and business manager respectively, this concentration of events, found so successful in Los Angeles last year, will lose none of its effect or interest either from the spectators' standpoint or from the quality or quantity of the races and other events on the program being unfurled at the Municipal Airport in Cleveland.

A total minimum cash prize purse of \$35,000 and many valuable trophies are being awarded to the winners of various events, with the Thompson Trophy race on Labor Day, the last day of the races, taking a ranking place in importance by reason of its large cash prize of \$10,000 and because of the possibility of the setting of a new world's landplane speed record. The Bendix Transcontinental Speed Dash also is attracting considerable attention, not only because there is to be \$10,000 divided among the winners of the first five places, but also because an additional \$2,500 is at stake for the pilot who sets a new transcontinental speed record between Los Angeles and New York. Another series of events which are creating interest in racing circles are the Shell Speed Dashes and the free-for-all races sponsored by Louis William Greve. Mr. Greve is sponsoring three races for the 550 cu. in. group and will award the Louis William Greve Trophy to the pilot who, while using the same plane, has accumulated the greatest number of points during the three races. The award will be made on the point basis with five points for first place; 4 points for second; 3 points for third; 2 points for fourth and 1 point for fifth. In addition a total cash purse of \$5,100 will be awarded in these events.

Shell Speed Dashes will be open to men pilots only who will be competing for a total purse of \$5,000 and three Shell Trophies to be divided as follows: Group 1—\$1,000 for engines of 375 cu. in., displacement or less. Group 2—\$1,500 for engines of 550 cu. in., displacement or less and Group 3—\$2,500 for engines of unlimited cu. in. displacement.

There will be five prizes for each event, to be awarded as follows: 45 per cent for first place; 25 per cent for second place; 15 per cent for third place; 10 per cent for fourth place and 5 per cent for fifth.

This being the 25th anniversary of the

world's first air race, held at Rheims, France, the feature of which was the Gordon Bennett Trophy Race won by Glenn Curtiss, the theme of the 1934 National Air Races will be "A Quarter Century of Aviation Progress." It was also 25 years ago that Louis Bleriot made the first crossing by air of the English Channel and that the United States government awarded its first contract to the Wright Brothers for its first contract military airplane. To commemorate this occasion, it is planned to have as many of the old-time planes as it is possible to secure and put in condition for flight, to make exhibition flights each day of the program.

Greater Army, Navy and Marine Corps participation than in past years has been accomplished for this year's show, and there is foreign representation by Ft. Lieut. R. L. R. Atcherly and Gerd Achgelis, European aerobat, who will vie with Milo Burcham of Muncie, Ind. Burcham is present holder of the inverted flight record, and it is understood he now is looking into the possibilities of a transcontinental inverted flight soon after the Cleveland show.

Nightly shows are being sponsored by the Standard Oil of Ohio, with fireworks, a "comet" plane and numerous features already arranged. One nightly feature will be a parade of automobiles manufactured prior to 1909.

The Navy is sending its "Sea Hawks" from San Diego for the show, the Army is sending the First Pursuit Group from Selfridge Field and the "Three Musketeers" from Maxwell Field, while the Marine Corps is sending two complete squadrons from Quantico.

The Bendix transcontinental has attracted Roscoe Turner, Lee Gehlbach, Wiley Post, Walter Wedell, Jimmy Haizlip, Jim Granger, Lieut. Murray B. Dilley, Jr., Benny Howard and "Oskosh" Wittman; some are flying newly designed ships.

Prizes for the Thompson Trophy Race



have been increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000, in the nature of a memorial to the late Charles E. Thompson.

Among those competing in the speed dashes are Art Chester, Lee Miles, Ben Howard, Gordon Israel, J. J. Wittman, Harold Neumann and others.

The tentative daily lineup of events and prizes follow:

## Friday, August 31

375-inch free-for-all, Firestone Speed Dash; 50 miles, 10 laps of the five-mile course; qualifying speed, 175 m.p.h. ....	\$1,400
375-inch, Shell Speed Dash; Group I .....	1,000
550-inch free-for-all, L. W. Greve Trophy; 50 miles, 10 laps of the five-mile course; qualifying speed, 200 m.p.h. ....	1,700
Parachute Jumping Contest .....	200

## Saturday, Sept. 1

200-inch free-for-all; 15 miles, 3 laps over the five-mile course; qualifying speed, 125 m.p.h. ....	\$400
375-inch free-for-all, Firestone Speed Dash; 50 miles, 10 laps of the five-mile course; qualifying speed, 175 m.p.h. ....	1,400
550-inch, Shell Speed Dash (100 Kilometers) Group II. ....	1,500
550-inch free-for-all, L. W. Greve Trophy; 50 miles, 10 laps of the five-mile course, qualifying speed, 200 m.p.h. ....	1,700
Parachute Jumping Contest .....	200

## Sunday, Sept. 2

200-inch free-for-all; 15 miles, 3 laps over the five-mile course; qualifying speed, 125 m.p.h. ....	\$400
550-inch free-for-all, L. W. Greve Trophy; 50 miles, 10 laps of the five-mile course, qualifying speed, 200 m.p.h. ....	1,700
Unlimited 100-kilometer, Shell Speed Dash Group III. ....	
1000-inch free-for-all; 50 miles, 10 laps of the five-mile course, qualifying speed, 200 m.p.h. ....	1,700
Parachute Jumping Contest .....	200

## Monday, Sept. 3

375-inch free-for-all, Firestone Race; 50 miles, 10 laps of the five-mile course, qualifying speed, 175 m.p.h. ....	\$1,400
Unlimited 100-kilometer, Shell Speed Dash Group III .....	2,500
Unlimited free-for-all, Thompson Trophy Race; 100 miles, 20 laps over the five-mile course, qualifying speed, 225 m.p.h. ....	10,000
Parachute Jumping Contest .....	200

# A Junketer Rides the Airways

CY CALDWELL

● Junketing around and about at the taxpayers' expense has become one of the most fashionable of outdoor sports, and now rates as a national pastime. If any tired Democrat wants to go some place for a change he merely indicates to the ruling dynasty in Washington that this, that, or the other thing needs investigating; and straightway a commission is appointed with the aspiring vacationist as Chairman. A plethoric expense account is voted for the junket, cameras click, reporters query, and in a moment the happy junketer is off on a merry gallop around the country. If he finds out anything, he writes it down. But if he finds out nothing, it doesn't matter; for even if he found out something and wrote it down nobody would read it anyhow.

As a patient taxpayer I've read about these various junkets with more or less patience. But when I learned that even my dear old friend Ed Warner, late Assistant Secretary of the Navy, had been dragged out of obscurity and sent careering around at the taxpayers' expense, I decided that the time had come for me to gird up my loins and go some place for nothing in particular, which is what all of these governmental commissions actually go for. Even if I found out nothing to write about, I'd still be junketing neck and neck with the rest of them, so how could I lose?

But the trouble is that I'm not a Democrat in good standing, and therefore have no crowd-bar with which to pry loose a wad of jack from the perspiring taxpayer. I either must pay my fare or use my wits to travel free. It occurred to me that a story on the airlines might rate a pass from the lords of the air, so I mentioned the matter in a letter to Bob Johnson of United Air Lines. I admitted that none of my six readers were likely to become airline cash customers until they'd saved up their government dole for a number of years, as right now when they travel anywhere they did it by standing on the roadside and indicating the desired direction with their thumbs.

However, Bob must have considered an audience of six old thumbs worth while, for along came the pass. On the back was printed: "This pass is secondary to the rights of regular passengers." Calling it "secondary" was putting it mildly. I caught the first flossy limousine leaving New York for Newark Airport and stepped up to the ticket window to get the last available seat on the 9 o'clock plane

for Chicago which I had learned by telephone was open. It closed immediately, for a cash customer stepped up and paid for it. That left me waiting for the 10 o'clock, which rolled up and rolled right out again packed to the roof with happy passengers who had paid to get aboard. Thereafter, on the hour, large self-satisfied looking Boeing 247's passed me by with their noses in the air and their fuselages filled with air-minded passengers, all of whom had paid to get aboard. By the time the 2 o'clock plane left me I came to the conclusion that all America was patronizing the airlines and that a Form 13 Trip Pass was about as much use as a fur parka in the tropics.

But I hung on. I'm an old hanger-on from away back. I watched policemen deterring passengers who wanted to get aboard and for whom there was no room. Even people with money were waiting for the next plane. In my hand I clutched a strip map to Chicago, but apparently all I needed was a map of Newark.

## The Man with Form 13

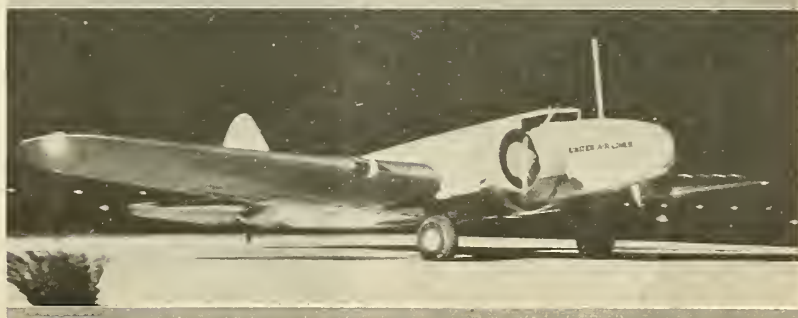
By this time everyone around the terminal knew me as The Man With Form 13; I became something of a character about the place, and attendants pointed me out to departing passengers as the oldest inhabitant in those parts. On the pass it said, "No. 37807." That evidently meant that there were 37806 other prospective passengers still ahead of me in Newark. I simply had to wait until a paying passenger broke his leg, so I took a taxi to a bar situated on the edge of the airport, a sort of oasis in the Newark desert. Imagine my surprise on my return to learn that there was a seat on the 4 o'clock plane; you could have knocked me over with a copy of the Congressional

Record. I collapsed like an undercarriage on a Dick Blythe landing. When I regained consciousness I was in the air and a kindly stewardess was adjusting my chair and placing a pillow beneath my head.

My maps, I discovered upon looking out, were about as much use to me as a seating plan of Radio City would be to a lost explorer in Africa. The pilot was flying on the radio beam, and I was flying on faith, hope, and charity. Below us the clouds were thick and white like a layer of absorbent cotton, and another layer was a few thousand feet above us. We were in between, like a piece of boloney between two slices of white bread. There was no more sense of movement than there is in the N.A.A. We were away from the earth in a soft white world of restful beauty, with the Wasp motors humming along like giant insects and with no other sound but the gentle swish of soup which the passengers were inhaling from paper cups.

In three hours we reached Cleveland, and a minute later I was on the ground; a cash customer had stepped up and bought the seat in which I had been traveling, so I had to get out. Apparently Form 13 was good only in waiting rooms and it would take me years to get to San Francisco. I called up Harold Crary of United and learned that the boys had been having fun with me: this Form 13 was just a little joke they played on people from time to time. It looked like a pass, but wasn't. If there was a vacant seat you could have it; but there never was a vacant seat out of New York. It seems I had only got from New York to Cleveland by mistake; a lady decided at the last minute to have her baby born in

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"... on the hour, large self satisfied Boeings passed me by with their noses in the air . . ."

# Personalities



● CAPTAIN ALBERT W. STEVENS, U. S. Army Air Corps, was born at Belfast, Maine, March 13, 1886, and descended by parachute at Holdrege, Nebraska, shortly before 5 p.m. July 28, 1934, followed immediately afterward by the wreckage of the stratosphere balloon *Traveler*. Between those important dates Captain Stevens has led an interesting and exciting life. He has encountered many dangers, endured many hardships at high altitudes and in distant lands, but he has evaded the world's sternest test of man's powers of endurance and patience—he is still a bachelor. And although he has dropped from 60,000 feet altitude suspended beneath a large balloon with a big rough hole in it, he has never experienced the nervous apprehension which grips the average husband who staggers into his stern wife's range of vision at about 3 a.m. with the weak explanation that he was detained at the office or was sitting up with a sick friend.

It was three years ago this summer that I met Capt. Stevens at Wilbur Wright Field, Dayton. It was a hot Sunday, and the only thing more deadly than a hot Sunday in Dayton is another hot one in Philadelphia. The only people in Dayton who didn't try to get out of it that day were a few grimly determined church members and the inhabitants of Dayton cemeteries. And Capt. Stevens. He was there, developing photographs at Wilbur Wright. Six working days weren't enough for him—he also toiled on the seventh. If he's ever had a vacation there's no record of it. I fear that he has worked all his life, and as his life is his work, he's always interested in it, and always working. That's what saved him from matrimony, so you see there are some compensations for always working.

As Wilbur Wright was closed up I had a slight difficulty in effecting an entrance. But when I explained to a suspicious guard that I was visiting Capt. Stevens I was admitted at once, for the guard knew that Capt. Stevens could only be found at that one place. When I appeared, Stevens got out a large gallon jug marked plainly DEVELOPING FLUID, and filled two glasses. We proceeded to develop ourselves rapidly. If someone had made a print of us several hours later it probably would have been a blur. I recall looking over the col-

*by Caldwell*

lection of airplanes and engines they have at Wilbur Wright, both in the experimental and in the museum department. Sometimes you couldn't tell by looking at the object which department it had been purchased for; they had fighters and bombers on trial for the Army that I'd have put into the museum, myself, without further experiment, or without any experimental flights whatever. In fact, even now the Army is flying many airplanes that should be in museums. But that isn't the Army's fault, as you very well know.

That visit was three years ago, but I still recall it with pleasure. Fortunately I took a few notes, in a very wavering and uncertain pencilled script, some of which today is entirely illegible: it was entirely illegible even at the moment when it was written, though I didn't sus-



None other than A. W. Stevens

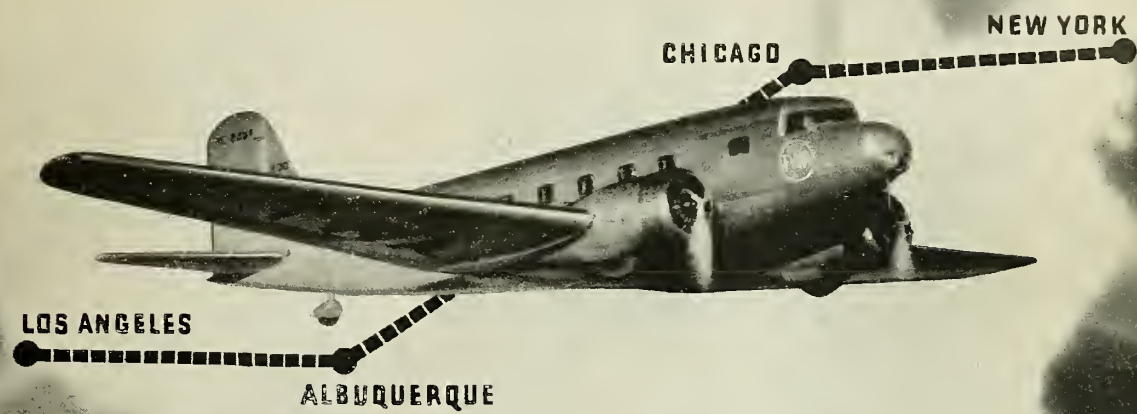
pect it. But enough is clear to inform me that Capt. Stevens graduated from the University of Maine in 1907 and had the degree of Master of Science conferred on him in 1909, which meant that he was completely packed with scientific information and that thereafter nothing else in the way of information could be got into him even with a pressure pump. Packed with information, he spent the years between and including most of 1914 and 1917 in electrical engineering, gold dredging and mining in Alaska and Idaho. In 1914 he went to Alaska and installed a power plant. He spent 45 days crossing Alaska by dog team, from Nome to the Yukon River, and across the Alaskan range to the seacoast. On one section of this trip they ran out of food and he got as hungry as an actor on Broadway. Then he went to Idaho, returning to Alaska in April, 1917. He was on the trail when the United States entered the war that was to add so lavishly to the casualties and discontent of an already discontented world. When Capt. Stevens, who was then just plain A. W. Stevens, got word of the war he got a husky dog team and drove 50 miles a day toward what is ironically called civilization, took a ship for Seattle, and enlisted in the Great Cause.

He attended Cornell Ground School at Ithaca, went to France in June, 1918, by which time practically everyone was sick of the war, and joined the 88th Observation Squadron as an Air Observer. He had been interested for years in photography so was a useful member of the photographic section, knowing a good deal about it in advance. He took a series of obliques of the entire length of the Vesle River, took obliques of Château-Thierry, St. Mihiel, the Argonne, Meuse, Verdun, and other sectors. At one place the Germans had concealed a machine gun which was wiping up Americans who would have preferred to return to their jobs with the A & P, the National City Bank, and other patriotic American institutions. Capt. Stevens took a photograph of this gun position, the gun was wiped out by our artillery, and at the end of the war many Americans who might have been shot by it were able to return to the states to starve to death, instead of dying quickly and almost painlessly at the front. This was Capt.

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Stevens' chief contribution to the war.

After the war he did aerial mapping for the Coast Guard and the Geodetic Survey and then in July, 1924, joined the Alexander Hamilton Rice Scientific Expedition to photograph the Orinoco River country in Brazil, and which was chiefly remarkable for starting Walter Hinton off on his road to fame as a correspondence school impresario.

Capt. Stevens became a Captain in the regular Army in July, 1920, dropped back to Lieut. in the reorganized Army in 1922, and was again made a Captain in 1925, which rank he has clung to since. He wanders all over the globe taking pictures. Three years ago he went to South America and photographed the Andes from the air, writing his experiences in the National Geographic Magazine, with illustrations which he had taken himself.

Many inventions in the photographic world are credited to Capt. Stevens. He perfected the automatic flashlight bomb, and in-between-the lens shutter for altitude and distance photography, and color filters. He has photographed mountains from 300 miles away, and has refrained from taking a picture of Mrs. Roosevelt, which is the thing I admire him for most. One time he took a photo of former president Hoover, and survived the strain. He's very tough. He has done a lot in photography that will help to change the complexion of the next war. For instance, no camouflage of gun positions will be able to fool men like Stevens and their photographic plates; they can take pictures by day or by night and the print will show plainly just what is what. In the next war a gun position, no matter how they camouflage it, will be about as conspicuous as a goldfish in a Woolworth store window. He lives at Wilbur Wright Field, has an ice box and a mattress on a table, sleeps, gets up, works, takes a shower, sleeps, works, goes on expeditions, and so on, and on, and on. . . .



● **DICK DEPEW**, was born at Plainfield, N. J., May 20, 1892, and has lived for 42 cautious years. So far as I can see, he'll live for 42 more—all cautious. Compared to Dick, such careful old pilots as Walter Lees and myself are mere thoughtless dare-devils. "Old Mother Depew," the more daring boys always called him; but he's still here, after all his flying, and many who laughed at his caution passed on in a hurry. So there you are. He is another of that extremely brief list of pilots with whom I would fly anywhere, at any time, knowing that I'd either get there safely or I wouldn't even start. I know of only one occasion



**Dick Depew**

when the old boy got fooled, and that was back in what he refers to as his youth, though I think that he was born old. He started off one time from New York for Cleveland, and I don't know what mad fit of daring overcame his usual caution, but the fact remains that he and a passenger flew above the clouds, couldn't find the ground, and decided to jump rather than feel their way to earth in fog and rain.

Out they went, parachuted through the clouds, and lit on a mountain in Pennsylvania. So did the airplane, not far away from them. Some farmer called up an undertaker and told him that two aviators had been killed at a certain spot. So while Richard and his passenger were waiting at the wreck, along comes the undertaker from town, complete with hearse and two horses with sable plumes on their collars. Well, ever practical, old Richard hired the hearse to transport him to the nearest railroad; so he and his passenger chucked their parachutes and baggage from the wrecked plane into the hearse, climbed inside, and soon were rattling down the mountain, as unconcerned as a couple of pine coffins. That probably sounds like one of my inventions, but it's true. It couldn't have happened to anyone but Dick Depew, and he guarantees that it won't happen again.

From 1909 to 1911 Dick was a charter member of the Cornell Aero Club, where he built and flew gliders. In 1911 he learned to fly at the Maurice Farman School at Buc, France, and received F.A.I. license 641 from the Aero Club of France, at which time he was the second youngest aviator in the world. He's now about the second oldest, which is either progress or merely disintegration, I don't know which. Between 1911 and 1917 he studied aeronautics while engaged at other occupa-

tions, such as washing dishes and thinking, both of which are very wearing. And then, in January, 1917, he joined the engineering department of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corp. and took additional flying instruction and practice on Curtiss planes. He flew for the U. S. Government at the 2nd Officer's Training Camp, at Plattsburg, and became a flying instructor and test pilot. From July to December, 1918, Richard got very snappy, becoming test pilot for the U. S. Army Air Service, with rank of Captain, at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio, then the Army's experimental field. Some of the planes Richard had to test would make your hair curl; in fact, that's how he got curly hair.

In January, 1919, the Army stopped feeding and annoying him, upon which he again leaped into the friendly arms of the Curtiss Co., and became manager of the Curtiss School at Mineola, now Roosevelt Field. There he instructed and tested planes until February, 1922, when he became Argentine Manager of Curtiss Export Corp., at Buenos Aires, in charge of all sales and operations and activities of Curtiss in the Argentine. In March, 1923, he returned and joined the Fairchild organization, serving in various capacities until May, 1932. At different times he was chief pilot, manager of flying division, vice-president and director of Flying Corp., sales engineer, and in charge of sales and advertising. After the others went home, he used to sweep up.

From May to August, 1932, he demonstrated Pitcairn autogiros for Giro Transport & Sales Co., and from August 1932 until recently he was vice-president in charge of flying, and manager, of the Aviation Country Club at Hicksville, L.I. The rumor that he was a butler out there is not true, and I'm glad to deny it; he doesn't even look like a butler—he looks like a chef.

Richard has flown in the last 23 years 105 types of aircraft, including landplanes, seaplanes, flying boats, amphibions, autogiros, and gliders. He has also ridden in elevators and in the subway, which wore him down still further. He has flown in Canada, Mexico, France, Argentina, and over Hoboken, doing exhibition work, passenger flying, aerial photography, and sales demonstrations. He has never, however, engaged in mortal combat over the city of Brooklyn, as two enthusiastic Chinese aviators did recently.

Richard Henry Depew, Jr., to give him his full and dignified name, is now associated with Beckwith Havens and Manola Weichers as Fairchild Distributors for the Districts of New York, New England, and Northern New Jersey. In addition they will also act as Service Representatives for the various Fairchild dealers in their territory. Their headquarters are at Roosevelt Field.



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## Effect of High Gust Velocities on Transport Design Requirements

T. C. BENNETT

Recent reports show that unexpectedly high accelerations were developed by an airplane flying through gusty weather in normal attitude. It is reported that a short time ago, Major Jimmie Doolittle while flying across country at a speed of 180 miles per hour in adverse weather, noted accelerometer readings of 5.6g. The effects of this report are quite likely to be widely felt, particularly by the designer of the transport airplane in which class comparatively low load factors are universally accepted.

This acceleration was developed, presumably, by encountering violent vertical currents of air while in normal high speed flight. The effect of such currents is to instantaneously increase the angle of attack of the airplane with no appreciable decrease in forward speed, so that very high wing lift forces are developed.

Within the past few years it has become generally recognized that for most, if not all, classes of airplanes the so-called "gust" condition will furnish the criterion for design strength. That this flight condition has been but recently considered of importance may be attributed chiefly to the steady and substantial increase in both top and cruising speeds of commercial transports. The effect of increased speed makes itself doubly felt since it has been achieved partly by increased horsepower and partly by clean but heavy cantilever construction. The ratio of pay load to gross weight has depreciated considerably with the increase in top speeds so that it may be said that part of the increased speed has been paid for in pay load poundage. This inroad into the available pay load has compelled designers to build more carefully down to limits of design strength, thus eliminating the former important but usually unrecognized "hidden" margin of safety. This factor was made up of the reserve strength of the material combined with a series of conservative design assumptions.

Simultaneously with the reduction in reserve margins of safety have come considerable improvements in the methods and practices of stress analysis. All of these factors, designing closer to the true

strength of the materials, more accurately stressed (and consequently somewhat less robust) structures, and the increase in speeds have combined to make the gust condition of flight very important.

The newly proposed Airworthiness Requirements of the Dept. of Commerce require the use of gust conditions in determining the design load factor, combining a 30 ft. per sec. gust with the normal top speed of the airplane, and a 15 ft. per sec. gust with some greater speed which may be called a restricted diving speed.

Because of the above requirements and the generally accepted opinion that gust accelerations in normal flight are low, it is interesting to estimate the velocity of gust encountered by Major Doolittle.

If it be assumed that the airplane has a wing loading of 15 lbs. per sq. ft. and, for convenience, an aspect ratio of 6, it is possible to solve for the value of lift coefficient which will enable the development of the 5.6g at 180 m.p.h. by using the regular lift relationship and equating it to the increase in lift due to the change in angle of attack. This gives

$$gW = C_L S V^2 \text{ or}$$

$$C_L = \frac{g}{V^2} \left( \frac{W}{S} \right) = \frac{4.6 \times 15}{.002558 \times 180^2} = .833$$

Assuming that the change in lift coefficient

per degree is .075, the change in angle of attack =  $\frac{.833}{.075} = 11.10^\circ$ , so that

the vertical velocity becomes  $264 \tan 11.10^\circ = .19619 \times 264 = 51.8 \text{ ft. per sec.}$

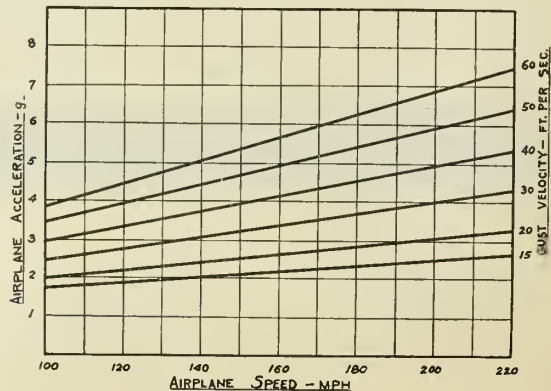
This value of vertical gust velocity has been determined for a wing loading and an aspect ratio which are probably low for a fast modern cantilever monoplane. The effect of increasing the wing loading is to increase the vertical velocity required to develop the acceleration reported. A higher aspect ratio would have an opposite effect, however, so that for purposes of discussion these two quantities may be disregarded.

The gust velocity of 51.8 ft. per sec. should be compared with the required 30 ft. per sec. in the new Dept. of Commerce requirements. As an example, the new requirements have been applied to data taken from one of the newer transports, using for comparison, gusts of 30 and 50 ft. per sec.

The following data are assumed:

Gross weight.....	17,500 lb.
Wing loading, W/S.....	18.6 lb./sq. ft.
Power loading, W/h.p.....	12.3 lb./h.p.
Aspect ratio, R.....	7.7
Top speed.....	200 miles per hour
Cruising speed.....	180 miles per hour
Airfoil.....	NACA 2212

From the new requirements, the ulti-



mate design load factor is given by

$$n = 1.5 \left[ 1 + \Delta n \left( \frac{15}{p} \right)^{.435} \right] \text{ where}$$

$$\Delta n = m(U/V) (q/s)$$

Correcting to an aspect ratio of 7.7 for the 2212 airfoil

$$m_{7.7} = m_6 \left( \frac{4}{3 + 6/7.7} \right)$$

$$= 4.3 \left( \frac{4}{3 + 6/7.7} \right) = 4.55$$

so that

$$\Delta n = 4.55 \times \frac{30}{264} \times \frac{.00119 \times 264^2}{18.6}$$

= 2.305 and the load factor required

$$\Delta n = 1.5 \left[ 1 + 2.305 \times \left( \frac{15}{12.3} \right)^{.435} \right]$$

$$= 5.25$$

This is the ultimate design load factor in this case and is less than the developed acceleration as reported by Major Doolittle.

As a matter of interest, the load factor from the previous Dept. of Commerce rules (and presumably under which the airplane was originally calculated) works out to be 4.5, for a power loading of 12.3 lbs. per sq. ft. and a gross weight of 17,500 lbs.

Using a 50 ft. per sec. gust, the load factor developed becomes

$$\Delta n = 2.305 \times \frac{50}{30} = 3.84$$

$n = 1.5 (1 + 3.84 \times 1.09) = 7.77$  which is much higher than usually used.

It is reasonable to assume that under the old rules of the Dept. of Commerce, the minimum margin of safety might be 1/3, so the strength of the structure might be somewhere near 6g. In the newer airplanes, however, the margins will not be nearly so high so that, based on the 5.25g value, about the same strength will be obtained. At the same time, the loads imposed on the airplane have become greater due to the higher speeds.

The 180 m.p.h. speed used in this discussion is conservative since it represents the cruising speed of many airplanes today. If the 30- and the 50-ft. per sec. gust be compared at higher speeds, say 210 m.p.h., the difference would be still greater. It is difficult to see the justification for the contention that the lowest gust velocities be connected with the higher airplane speeds, for it seems reasonable to assume that the pilot will be hurrying along as rapidly as possible in the type of weather which is associated with the severest bumps.

The effect of increases in airplane speed on the accelerations developed is

shown in the accompanying diagram, on which have been plotted the airplane accelerations developed for the various gust velocities against airplane speed. The diagram has been plotted from values based on a wing loading of 15 lbs. per sq. ft. and arrived at in a manner somewhat similar to that used in determining the 50-ft. per sec. gust velocity. It will be observed that, while combining any one gust velocity with higher airplane speeds gives a lower value of  $\Delta a$  (or change in angle of attack due to the gust), this effect is offset by the fact that, for any given angle, the accelerations developed increase with the square of the speed.

The results of these computations seem to indicate that fast transport airplanes must be penalized by insisting that they carry high load factors on the chance that these severe gusts may be encountered. This seems a step in the wrong direction.

Several lines of thought suggest themselves as leading to a possible solution of this problem. First, the pilot may become more weather-wise and the number of weather observations increased so that such dangerous air conditions may be avoided. Secondly, the speed of the

craft may be reduced when dangerous weather conditions are likely to be encountered, although for psychological reasons this may be unlikely. Lastly, and what appears most logical in some ways, is to so design the airplane that only small lift coefficients can be developed—or rather that airfoils with a low lift curve slope be used. If this is done, even for large changes in angle of attack, high values of  $C_L$ , and therefore high wing loads, will be avoided. The value of  $C_{L_{max}}$  should probably not exceed one. The resultant high landing speeds could be reduced by providing the airplane with auxiliary lift-increasing devices such as manually-controlled flaps and slots. Such devices are usually accompanied by the disadvantages of complicated controls, certain troubles with stability, and generally necessitate excessively large angles of attack on landing.

While the case cited here may, as more acceleration records are taken, prove to be an exception in normal transport flying, the possibilities of such high gust velocities and the accompanying high acceleration should be given more consideration in the design of fast transport aircraft.

## Vortices and Low Aspect Ratio Airfoils

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**While Mr. Hoffman's presentation of his new theory in relation to the effects of low aspect ratio is highly unorthodox and conjectural, it is presented because of its originality and likelihood of evoking valuable discussion.**

● The advent of the low aspect ratio flying-wing brings a new consideration of the airflow and vortices.

Two main groups of vortices of high aspect ratio airfoils may be considered passing through the air, one starting at the trailing edge and the other starting at the wing tips.

The trailing edge vortices are a double row of cyclic motions, closely staggered with reversed rotation and with axes normal to the airflow. They are, therefore, pulsating and unstable.

The wing tip vortices have a cyclic motion along a cylinder or a helical (or conoidal) motion along a cone, usually diverging in the direction of the flow with their axes parallel to the flow. There may be two or more such conoidal air streams leaving the airfoil.

It is assumed that the maximum lift decreases as the aspect ratio is lowered. According to N.A.C.A. report 431 this is true up to a certain aspect ratio; but

by lowering the aspect ratio still further, the maximum lift increases nearly 80% over the one attained with an aspect ratio of 6.

This characteristic may be explained by the interference of the two specific vortices. At a certain aspect ratio the interference of the two vortices may be such that it creates a maximum turbulence, which seems to occur at an aspect ratio of about 3. Lowering the aspect to about 2-1.5, the helical vortices may prevail and leave the airfoil (which is but a twin wing tip), in a continuous stream of double cones. At this aspect ratio the maximum lift may be increased due to the stability of the flow.

The next step would be to change the diverging conoidal flow to a converging flow (whirl) in order to terminate the turbulence a short distance behind the airfoil and envelop the turbulence region by a new streamline flow.

This may be accomplished by the drooping of the lateral median line of the airfoil, and by having a W leading edge in case a center body is present. This body should be designed integral to the median line of the airfoil, close to the body.



## Basic Design Features of the Pan American Sikorsky Model S-42 Airplane

(Continued from the August issue)

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● Shape and size are closely related to the efficiency of a wing for air transportation. It has been recognized for more than 25 years that air losses at the wing tips are of considerable magnitude, and the theoretically ideal wing would be one of infinite span with no tips. Although this is not possible of achievement, tip sizes can be substantially decreased in respect to the chord length and span. A practical solution is to employ a wing with a high aspect ratio, tapering in plan view, and with favorably rounded off tips. This simple device has not always been used because the important structural parts of the wings (mainly the wing spars) are becoming longer and shallower and, therefore, relatively heavier, more difficult to manufacture and for these reasons, more expensive. On the other hand, the demand for commercial airplanes was practically without specifications, and first cost became a major consideration. Manufacturers have been led to overemphasis on low cost production, rather than the profitable employment of the planes in the customer's service and in airline exploitations.

It has been said that a wing is an in-

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While this is written, the P. A. A. Brazilian Clipper Sikorsky model S-42, is on its maiden trip over the P. A. A. Airline in South America. The following is a continuation of its description and an introduction to some of the basic aerodynamic necessities for efficient wing design in general.

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efficient carrier because by its very nature and on account of the downwash, it must continually travel "uphill." This evil is reduced if we use the equation for the required power to give the wing the necessary lift. This equation is:  $h.p._1 = \frac{\text{span loading}^2}{3V}$  times the speed; or,  $h.p._1 = \frac{\text{span loading}^2}{3V}$ .

A gross weight of 38,000 lbs., and a span of 114 ft., give a span loading of  $38,000/114 = 330$  lbs. per foot of span, and, for flight at 160 miles per hour,  $h.p._1 = \frac{330^2}{3 \times 160} = 227$  horsepower. In the case

of the Sikorsky S-42 equipped with  $4 \times 675 = 2700$  h.p. (even 2800 h.p.) only  $227/2800 = 8.1\%$  of the total available engine power is required for wing lift. The above equation also shows that the faster the ship flies the less is the horsepower required for lift. For example; twice the speed requires only half of the horsepower for lift. The equation shows thus the rapidly decreasing of required lift h.p. (induced h.p.), as the span loading is decreased. For the same wing loading in lbs./sq. ft. of wing area, and for the same wing area, the lift h.p. required is only 25% for a wing with an aspect ratio of 10 as compared to a ratio of 5.

Induced drag h.p. required of a wing is not all that is necessary to move it through the air. The induced drag is actually useful drag because in exchange for the power it absorbs it gives the lift necessary to carry the plane. The other portion of the wing drag, the so-called "profile drag," is actually parasite drag—it gives nothing useful and necessitates the expenditure of a considerable amount of horsepower. Profile drag is proportional to wing area  $A$  and profile drag



Passengers boarding the Sikorsky S-42 just before her departure from Miami for South America on the first leg of her maiden voyage to Rio de Janeiro for the Pan American Airways System

coefficient  $C_{ao}$ , and it is desirable to keep these two values to a minimum. A low value of  $A$  means a small wing area, and hence a high wing loading, because (generally) wing loading = weight of plane/wing area. Consequently, the wing loading for the S-42 has been raised to 28.5 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> as against about 19.5 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> in the S-40. On that account alone the

S-42 should require only about  $\frac{19.5}{28.5} =$

68.5% of the profile drag existing in the S-40.

It follows, then, that increasing the wing loading decreases the wing profile drag and brings the wing into a required angle of attack which is nearer to the maximum L/D value of the wing.

This value is useful in still another way—it decreases the total weight of the wing, and the structural weight saved permits increasing the useful load; the payload or carrying capacity of the plane, and its usefulness, therefore are improved, especially for long range flights. This effort to use all practical means to decrease the horsepower required to overcome the drag of the wing (and, in fact, of all parts of the airplane) is of fundamental importance, because economy of horsepower required means a lighter power plant. More particularly, however, it is related to fuel economy, because the weight of fuel and oil necessary for a long range flight is as yet many times greater than the payload. Within a short time we expect to have planes in flight carrying more than ten tons of fuel and oil, and no efforts should be spared to economize on their consumption when such weight-savings revert immediately to additional revenue load. This saving can be achieved in three ways which should act simultaneously: (1) decrease of drag of the airplane as a whole, (2) increase of thermal efficiency of the entire power plant and (3) improvement in the aerodynamic efficiency of the propellers.

Another point will still further explain the importance of high aspect ratio of the wing in obtaining aerodynamic efficiency. Referring to the general downwash velocity as  $V$  and the mass of the air thrown down  $M$ , then the lift is expressed by  $\Sigma MV$  (the same general law holds for propellers, in so far as the propeller thrust is concerned in relation to the slipstream). This  $MV$  is obtained by the engine power, and originally by the fuel which weighs considerably. The amount of energy stored up in the air (kinetic energy), is expressed by  $\Sigma \frac{1}{2} MV^2$  which energy imparted to the air when the airplane passes, is pure loss after the airplane has passed. Whereas the general product of  $MV$  is constant for a certain lift, if we disregard cost in power it does not matter whether we increase  $M$  and decrease  $V$  or vice versa provid-

ing the product  $MV$  remains constant, but if we pay due respect to power cost (expressed by  $\Sigma \frac{1}{2} MV^2$ ) conditions will be viewed differently. For instance, for half the mass, the required downwash velocity becomes twice as great, and the lost kinetic energy becomes  $\frac{1}{2} (\frac{1}{2} M) \times (2V)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2MV^2$  or twice as much as  $\frac{1}{2} MV^2$ .

This simple mathematical manipulation shows clearly the importance of acting on a large mass (therefore large quantity) of air and this can be done most efficiently by using a large wing span so as to engage and utilize an enormous quantity of air mass. For a given wing area, this will reduce the required wing chord and increase the aspect ratio. Reducing the wing chord means also at a given speed reducing the time of acting upon the air, which is important, because the longer we act on the same column of air pulling it down, the less will grow its resistance, alias "lift."

The following general rule (to which high aspect ratio conforms) is for an efficient wing: Utilize a large mass of air and do so quickly. To a large extent high aspect ratio also increases the value of  $C_{Lmax}$  (maximum lift coefficient) of a wing, which allows higher wing loadings for a given stalling speed, (and landing speed) decreasing excessive wing area and saving power.

And now about the usual fear of increasing the weight of a wing itself (expressed in lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> of wing area) on account of the higher aspect ratio. We cannot get something for nothing and we should not expect to do so; everything must be paid for and our concern is whether or not the price is fair. Suppose we have a wing with an aspect ratio of 7 and a wing loading of only 19.25 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> (planes like this, and even with less wing loading, are still flying today) and the wing weighs, say, 1.75 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> Then the net lift = 19.25 - 1.75 = 17.50 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> of wing area. If we compare this with a more modern wing design having an aspect ratio of 10 and a wing loading of 29 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> and a wing weighing, say, 3 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup>, then the net lift = 29 - 3 = 26 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> as compared to only 17.50 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> in the former case. Both wings are provided with high lift devices, the latter even of a less effective type. The increase in net lift per unit of wing area = 26 - 17.50 = 8.50 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> which must be added to 17.50 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup>

This represents a gain of  $\frac{8.50}{17.50} = 48\frac{1}{2}\%$ .

This is worth while when it is considered that both the wings under comparison allow the same stalling speed. This quality of increasing the net lift offsets several times the increase in the weight of the wing per ft.<sup>2</sup> of area.

Another factor influencing the quality of a wing is the airfoil section. The

S-42 is provided with a very good airfoil of the GSM series (the first letter standing for the designer of the airfoil, Mr. Gluhareff, the second letter for Sikorsky, the M being Mr. Gluhareff's first initial). An airfoil is not necessarily an efficient one merely because it looks good. Air passing along a wing curve is subject to the laws of nature and its characteristics can be calculated. Every designer has his pet ideas concerning these laws, and as long as these ideas are logical and in harmony with nature, good results are obtainable. In 1919 the writer originated, calculated and designed the Curtiss C-27 airfoil (intended to be exactly 7% thick) for high speed airplanes. For racing airplanes this proved to be a desirable curve as it has very low drag at the lower values of the lift coefficient, and consequently at high speeds. Data on it appear in several books on aerodynamics. If, however, the wing curve is a haphazard continuation of various curves (which, as a whole, may be pleasing to the eye but actually jolt the airflow from one law of motion into another, in rapid succession) then the results, except by mere chance, may be predicted to be mediocre.

Let us now consider the influence of the wing trailing edge flap as used between the ailerons. It is strange that flaps of the aileron type have not been in general use long ago, but the reason might lie in the explanation at the beginning of this article—the dominating factor of low first cost of the airplane. The action of ailerons for lateral stability is not to be found in the loads on the ailerons themselves, but upon the influence they assert on the portion of the wing ahead of them. When one aileron is lowered, it creates an obstacle to the airflow under the wing, slows down the airflow and increases the air pressure under the wing. This in turn causes an increase of speed on top of the wing and (according to Bernoulli's theory) decreases the pressure above the wing. The other aileron raised has the opposite effect at the other wing end, namely, a decrease of pressure below and an increase of pressure above, or a decrease of suction at the top.

These different lifts at the wing ends create the restoring rolling movements. The same phenomenon of lift variations can be created over the center portion of the wing; for instance, that portion between the ailerons can be used according to requirements of speed variation, to increase the lift coefficient at slower speeds (take-offs, climbs, landings) and decrease lift coefficient at faster speed. These devices are generally known as "high lift devices," but "speed range devices," a term used by the writer for fifteen years or so, would seem more descriptive nomenclature. The purpose is to "increase the speed range," i.e. to increase

the ratio of "flying speed to stalling speed," whatever the flying speed may be. For commercial aviation the flying speed is, broadly, the "economical" speed, which is not only dictated by the airplane, power plant (including propellers) and fuel consumption, but also by conditions over the airlines, such as distance, schedules, weather conditions, and occasionally by time of sunrise and sunset, etc. The demand for speed range is such that it should be as extensive as practically obtainable. The main object of a speed range device is (or has been) to increase the lift coefficient so we can fly and land slowly. Another and almost equally important object of a speed range device is to decrease the lift coefficient when fast flight is desired, without decreasing the angle of attack to such an extent that the ratio of L/D becomes too uneconomical. For flying faster, the answer is to "ease off the airflow" and turn up the trailing edge flap, decreasing the lift of the wing as explained in the case of turning up ailerons. This method creates a wing section with reversed curve at the trailing edge, but is more economical than the decrease of angle of attack of a fixed wing. Decreasing the angle of attack in a fixed wing to very low angles creates an antagonistic condition between the front and rear portion of the wing. The lift on the front part is considerably decreased and the lift on the rear portion is increased, but to a lesser extent. The consequences are that the obtainable smooth flow and the economical front portion of the wing do not work to their full capacity. On the other hand, the rear portion, which should ease off the flow, does too large a proportion of the work in producing lift and whips the air off behind at high speed, creating big losses by  $\frac{1}{2}MV^2$  which are revealed by high drag. Furthermore, as the lift shifts farther backwards as mentioned above, the center of pressure travels backwards, a phenomenon which should be reduced to a minimum for aerodynamic stability as well as for structural reasons. Easing off the airflow by turning up the trailing edge flap is by far a better method of obtaining high speed than merely decreasing the angle of attack. This is because the front part of the wing remains effi-

cient, and the rear end decreases its own lift more or less in proportion as does the front part, thereby keeping the center of pressure travel within small ranges. The L/D also is better, as the kinetic energy ( $\frac{1}{2}MV^2$ ) of the air at the trailing edge is less than in the former case. The same phenomenon is made use of in water pumping stations, wind tunnels, etc., where exhaust tube ends are conical, widening towards the outlet so as to keep V at the outlet small, decreasing the spillage of kinetic energy. The phenomenon is also made use of in the application of fillets between neighboring bodies such as fuselage and wings, etc., which, as is well known, start with a small radius of curvature forward and terminate at the rear with a much larger radius of curvature. This has the effect of easing off the airflow, driving its path along the fillet boundary, slowing it down, decreasing V and decreasing  $\frac{1}{2}MV^2$ . All energy left in the air and created by the passing of the airplane through it has actually been delivered by the power plant and hence the fuel, representing weight which cuts in severely on the payload. Every practical device should be utilized to decrease drag no matter under what form this drag may be created or disguised.

All ailerons and aileron-type flaps are actually derived from one original idea—that of altering the wing profile during flight so as to obtain a speed range as wide as possible.

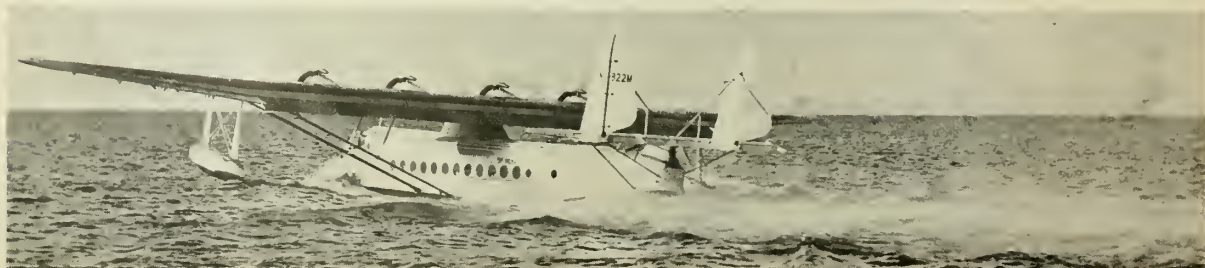
Many such devices have been originated, one of the first (if not *the* first) being patented by Paul Zens some 24 years ago. In Zens' device almost the entire wing curve could be changed, increasing and decreasing the camber at will. Actually, the warping of the whole wing could be realized, as the Wright brothers' patents only covered warping the "lateral portion" of the wing for lateral stability control. Among interesting devices which have been studied is one consisting of a laterally rotatable wing nose which could be turned so as to present a sharp contour effective for ultra high speed, and a nicely-rounded high lift contour for landing. Efficient speed range devices can be achieved by combining ideas, such as the most energetic of trailing edge flaps for landing, in con-

junction with reversing the wing curve for cruising or high speed. Ailerons could also be incorporated in the speed range device, making them effective over the entire wing span, yet providing for lateral control near the stalling speed which is possible. The devices mentioned, as well as slots, are but a few of many possibilities available to assist in increasing the wing loading and making the airplane a more practical vehicle.

High wing loadings are also necessary to insure comfort for the passengers and crew—not only a desirable feature, but also a required quality for any transport airplane. Discomfort, uneasiness and air sickness do not occur in a plane with heavy wing loadings, and in this respect the S-42 is again a step in the right direction. For a given cruising speed the value of the required lift coefficient is practically proportional to the wing loading, and a wing loading twice as high requires a similarly proportional high value for the lift coefficient. When atmospheric disturbances occur at that speed, the angle of attack on both wings alters about the same number of degrees. Whereas the  $C_L$  (lift coefficient) curve within the flying range is practically a straight line, it is seen that the pro ratio change of the lift coefficient (and hence the lift) is more severe on the lowly-loaded wing and plane flying at a low angle of attack, than on the heavily-loaded plane flying at a higher angle of attack. A lightly-loaded plane is tossed about in the air. Wing loadings of 28.5 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> are moderate compared to what is possible of attainment, and a wing loading of 40 lbs./ft.<sup>2</sup> with a sea level landing speed of 65 miles per hour is not a difficult aerodynamic problem and is certainly advantageous from the structural standpoint.

A plane with heavily-loaded wings being less affected by lift variation is subjected to a narrower range of stresses in the entire structure (which is advantageous) than a plane with low wing loading. For the same load factor, the plane with heavy wing loading will have a greater longevity and require less maintenance cost. Initial cost of the plane will also be less due to the reduced wing area and its attendant lesser structure.

(To be concluded in the October issue)



G. W. Romer photo

The Sikorsky S-42 Brazilian Clipper about to take off from Biscayne Bay, Miami, for the start of its inaugural flight to South America





## WACO CABIN SEAPLANES

● Rounding out its line of 1934 aircraft, the Waco Aircraft Co., of Troy, Ohio, has introduced three new cabin jobs mounted on floats.

These planes, the models UKC with Continental engine, the YKC with Jacobs engine and the CJC with a Wright J-6, were flight-tested by John Livingston of the Waco Company, George B. Post of the Edo Aircraft Corp., and Joseph Boudwin of the Department of Commerce. Approved type certificates have been granted to each as a seaplane, featuring a new-type float just designed and placed in production by the Edo company at its College Point, Long Island, factory. The floats are known as model 38-3430 and, conforming with the usual Edo practice, each has a total displacement which corresponds to its model number, namely 3,430 pounds. Under Department of Commerce requirements (which call for 90% minimum buoyancy) a seaplane on these floats can be licensed for a gross weight of 3,610 lbs.

The new floats replace the model P-3300 floats which have been the standard

model in this class since they were first introduced in 1929 and have been licensed and widely used on such ships as the cabin Wacos, the Stinson Juniors and some of the earlier ships in the 3,000 lb. class. The new floats, however, in addition to being larger in submerged displacement by 130 lbs., each, incorporate a number of improvements.

Their V on the bottom has been increased from 20° to approximately 26° in order to reduce the shock of high speed landings and to improve their rough water characteristics. At the same time, the triple flutes on either side of the keel in the forward planing bottom of the old P-3300 floats have, in the new design, been reduced to double flutes, more sharply defined and made more effective by flush riveted planing strips at the sister keelsons and chine, introduced for more accurate control of spray in the high speed planing condition.

Other improvements include the introduction of duralumin spreader bars of streamline section which protrude from the side of the float, and a water rudder

installation permanently built into the stern of the float and provided with over-size bearing area and Zerk fittings to overcome the results of chattering imposed by steady service. Another development is an extra long skeg casting at the step, designed to prevent the floats from tipping backward when nosed up on a steeply inclined runway. A steel rubbing strip is inserted in this skeg at the point of greatest wear aft of the step and so installed that it may be removed and replaced without penetrating the skin of the float. In this way, the possibility of introducing leaks as a result of replacing the fitting is eliminated.

Although larger in displacement than the model P-3300 floats, the new jobs achieve a saving in weight of approximately 25 lbs. per pair. They have a normal track between center line of 100 in., an overall length of 19 ft. 4 in. (not including water rudders), a beam of 31½ in., and an overall height of 29 13/32 in. Front and rear spreaders are spaced 54½ in. apart and braced with streamline wires between them. The floats have relatively small bumpers at the nose and rather fine lines of entry. Their lines are constantly curving in both side and elevation views and have evidenced excellent drag characteristics.

Airplane Model	Make of Engine	Length Over all	Height Over all	Span	Wing Area—Sq. Ft.	Gas Capacity—Gals.	Oil Capacity—Gals.	Gross Weight—Lbs.	Empty Weight—Lbs.	Useful Load—Lbs.	Pay Load—Lbs.	Wing Loading—Lbs. Sq. Ft.	Power Loading—Lbs. H.P.	Top Speed m.p.h. at 2100 r.p.m.	Cruising Speed m.p.h. at 1900 r.p.m.	Landing Speed m.p.h.	Climb First Min. Ft.	Service Ceiling Ft.	Gas Consumption at Cruising Speed Gals.—Hr.	Esti- mated
CABIN "C"	UKC 2850 *	Cont. 210	25' 2½"	8' 6"	33' 2½"	240	60	4	2850	1745	1105	605	11.9	13.5	145	128.5	60	800	14000	13
	UKC 3000 *	Cont. 210	25' 2½"	8' 6"	33' 2½"	240	50	4	3000	1755	1245	745	12.5	14.3	143.5	128	52	750	13000	13
	UKC Seaplane	Cont. 210	28' 9½"	10' 7"	33' 2½"	240	50	4	3250	2131	1119	619	13.5	15.5	126	105	56	600	11250	13
	YKC 2850 *	Jacobs 225	25' 4¾"	8' 6"	33' 2½"	240	50	4	2850	1800	1050	550	11.9	12.7	149	129	50	850	15500	14
	YKC 3000 *	Jacobs 225	25' 4¾"	8' 6"	33' 2½"	240	50	4	3000	1808	1192	692	12.5	13.3	148.5	130	52	800	15000	14
	YKC Seaplane	Jacobs 225	28' 9½"	10' 7"	33' 2½"	240	50	4	3250	2186	1064	664	13.5	14.4	130	108	56	700	12000	14
	CJC	Wright 250	25' 7½"	8' 9½"	34' 10"	264.3	70	5	3200	1976	1224	596	12.1	12.8	152	134	53	850	16000	16
CJC Seaplane	Wright 250	28' 10"	10' 8"	34' 10"	264.3	70	5	3650	2296	1354	726	13.8	14.6	132	110	56	750	12000	16	
"F3"	UMF	Cont. 210	23' 17½"	8' 5¾"	30'	233.5	50	4	2500	1485	1015	515	10.7	11.9	143	128	47	1100	14500	13
	UMF Seaplane	Cont. 210	26' 7¾"	10' 2"	30'	233.5	50	4	2750	1735	1015	515	11.8	13.1	128	112	50	800	14000	13
	YMF	Jacobs 225	23' 3¾"	8' 5¾"	30'	233.5	50	4	2500	1540	960	460	10.7	11.1	147	129	47	1250	16000	14
YMF Seaplane	Jacobs 225	26' 7¾"	10' 2"	30'	233.5	50	4	2750	1790	960	460	11.8	12.2	132	116	50	850	15000	14	
WACO "D"	CHD, Training	Wright 250	25' 9"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	87	8	3200	2230	970	182	12.5	12.8	160	140	53	1000	14000	16
	C2HD	Wright 285	25' 9"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	87	8	3200	2300	970	182	12.5	11.2	167	146	53	1200	14500	19
	JHD	Wright 330	25' 2"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	87	8	3400	2300	1100	348	13.3	10.3	176	154	56	1400	16000	22
	WHD Comm.	Wright 420	25' 2"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	87	8	3400	2300	1100	348	13.3	8.1	191	166	56	1750	21000	28
	WHD Military	Wright 420	25' 2"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	107	8	3800	2300	1500	628	14.8	9.1	187	164	63	1550	20000	28
	WHD Seaplane	Wright 420	28' 6"	11' 2"	32' 8½"	256.3	107	8	4100	2640	1460	588	16.0	9.8	168	147	65	1200	18000	28
	SHD	P. & W. 300	25' 11"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	87	8	3400	2300	1100	348	13.3	11.3	170	148	56	1300	15500	20
	S2HD Com. **	P. & W. 375	25' 11"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	87	8	3400	2300	1100	348	13.3	9.1	184	161	56	1600	23000	25
	S2HD Mil. **	P. & W. 375	25' 11"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	107	8	3800	2300	1500	628	14.8	11.1	180	158	65	1100	22400	25
	S3HD Com.	P. & W. 420	25' 11"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	87	8	3400	2300	1100	348	13.3	8.1	191	166	60	1750	21000	28
	S3HD Mil.	P. & W. 420	25' 11"	8' 11½"	32' 8½"	256.3	107	8	3800	2300	1500	628	14.8	9.1	187	164	63	1550	20000	28

\*\*All figures at 7500 feet

Specifications and performances of the complete line of Waco military and commercial airplanes

## Brown Racing Airplane with 300 h.p. Engine



L. W. Brown and two views of the racing plane he designed and constructed for participation in the 1934 National Air Races



● The *Miss Los Angeles* is a Menasco-powered racing plane developed for Roy Minor by the Lawrence W. Brown Aircraft Co., of Los Angeles to challenge the supremacy of the superpowered racers that hitherto have dominated the picture with their engines in the 750-1,000 h.p. range. With a C-6-S Buccaneer engine of about 300 h.p., the *Miss Los Angeles* has a straight-away speed of about 270 m.p.h., but is so cleanly streamlined and so lightly loaded by comparison with heavier and more powerful planes, that it is anticipated that at the 1934 National Air Races, she will prove much faster on the pylons and thereby compare favorably with planes with higher top speeds.

This plane, the third of a series of speed planes constructed by the Brown company during the past year, is a smaller counterpart of a larger, more powerful and much faster plane now underway and with which it is hoped to set a new landplane speed mark. The company is also working on a project for the construction of a military pursuit ship powered with the same type Menasco engine as is mounted in Minor's ship. It is believed that there is a field for a small fighter which in the air will be some-

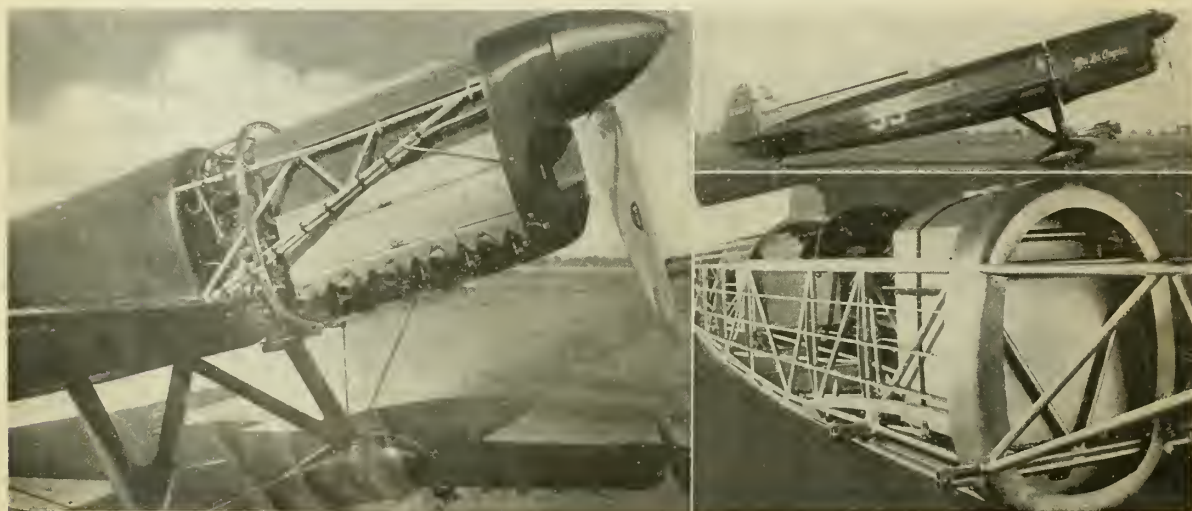
what similar to a torpedo boat destroyer on the water. Such a ship, with a wing span of 20 feet and weighing less than 1000 pounds empty, would mount two .32 caliber machine guns and have a top speed of about 220 m.p.h.

The Brown Special is an example of the thin wing wire braced monoplane with rigid landing gear and composite construction throughout. The fuselage is of welded steel tubing in rigid truss with the engine mount built integral. All surfaces are cloth covered, the wing being of wood construction, with two solid spruce spars, spruce and plywood ribs spaced at increasing intervals from root to tip and with steel tube and wire drag bracing. The wing is reinforced at the leading edge by two-ply cloth instead of wood or metal, a feature of Brown construction said to insure a smoother nose contour, greater resistance to tearing tendency on the part of the wing fabric, and is light in weight. Airfoil section is of a modified Curtiss racing curve with unusually sharp leading edge. Landing load cushioning is taken care of entirely by the Goodyear Airwheels, housed in torpedo-shaped pants.

Wing flaps, extending for about one-

third of the semi-span, embody approximately 30 per cent of the wing chord and are of the simple trailing edge type operated by the pull of a lever in the cockpit working through torque tubes. With the flaps in the lowered position, landing speed has been cut to between 50 and 60 miles an hour. Ailerons are also torque tube operated, the aileron tubes passing through those which control the flaps.

The fuselage has been "tailored" to fit both the engine and the pilot, who is able to sit in a normal, comfortable position. The engine compartment is cowled with aluminum sheeting, as is the quarter deck to the rear of the cockpit. The cockpit itself is of the semi-enclosed type, the pilot's head being exposed for improved visibility, with a small windshield in front and a streamlined head-rest back of the cockpit cut-out. A quick-release mechanism is provided to throw off the upper portion of the cockpit cowling should a parachute jump become necessary. Engine cooling is provided by a venturi type cowl which maintains proper operating temperatures while holding down the fuselage size to a maximum width of 27 in. and a maxi-



Detailed views of the Brown racing plane, showing engine mount, Menasco engine installation and fuselage construction

remely useful thing to have in the bow during water handling.

The peculiar engine installation is the result of intensive research. For many reasons a pusher was desired. One of these is that a tractor on a seaplane is in the way to an extent that can only be realized by those who, in a difficult water-handling situation, have had to get rapidly to the bow of the boat. It enhances comfort greatly to have no propeller spinning in front of the cabin. Moreover, I have believed for a long time that the pusher will eventually prove more efficient than the tractor. But the standard pusher installation with a radial engine has two sources of inefficiency: it is difficult properly to streamline the engine, and the engine so cuts off the air to the propeller as appreciably to reduce the propeller efficiency.

In the Curtiss-Wright Amphibion this was met by putting the propeller on an extension shaft, an arrangement which provides a well-streamlined nacelle and a resulting clear air flow to the whole propeller. Moreover, a large fineness ratio for the nacelle was unnecessary for these results, so that a short shaft was sufficient. I have done a lot of untroubled flying with various kinds of planes with far more elaborate arrangements of internal engines driving external propellers through several gears and shafts, so I saw nothing to worry about in a 31-inch extension shaft with one flexible coupling.

The engine is supported both fore and aft. The main mounts of rubber vulcanized to steel, are attached to a ring which would be a conventional engine mount ring, only for the fact that the front spars of the upper wing bolt to its two sides, so that the mounting ring actually constitutes a continuation of the upper wing beams. This ring remains attached to the engine when the engine is removed, the wings then being held in place by other members of the structure. The rear of the engine (which is the nose), has a special ring attached, consisting of

rubber vulcanized between two steel rings. This ring is supported by a clamp attached to the rear beam structure in the center section. Behind this is a flexible coupling from which the extension shaft is carried rearward. The rear of the extension shaft is supported in a self-aligning ball bearing. The housing for this bearing is supported on a tripod, two legs of which go forward inside the wing to the rear wing beam; the other goes down to the hull.

In its final form, the addition of weight represented by this extension shaft unit will amount to some 65 lbs., and the increase in efficiency which it provides represents some 45 h.p.

#### Unconventional Installation

The unconventional method of installing the engine between the spars was adopted because a cowling design was possible, the flow around which was likely to cause minimum interference with the flow around the wing; second, it gave the nacelle-form required with a minimum of cowling and shafting, and third, it led to considerable saving of weight in that little had to be added to the center section to convert it into an entire engine mount. In addition, this position fitted in well with balance arrangements and provided a neat nacelle-wing combination.

One objection to this position was that it resulted in a high thrust line. The high thrust line is an overrated difficulty. It is met by a far forward center of gravity and a relatively large negative angle on the tail, the effect of the slipstream on which counterbalances thrust differences. This is often objected to on grounds of tail drag, but the induced drag of the tail, under the circumstances, is likely to be negative. In any case, trim and stability on the ship are good under all thrust and speed conditions.

The biplane wing arrangement has advantages over the monoplane scheme in this plane. The latter would have led to interference of wing structure mem-

bers with cabin space, restriction of passengers' view, waste of weight and considerable drag in supporting the wing floats downwards and the engine nacelle upwards.

The biplane arrangement, with a reasonable stagger, permitted placing the lower wing entirely behind the cabin, and low enough so that only its thickness impedes the passenger's view. The wing tip floats can be directly attached to it, at the same time allowing ample water clearance. Similarly, the center section supports both wing and motor mount structures.

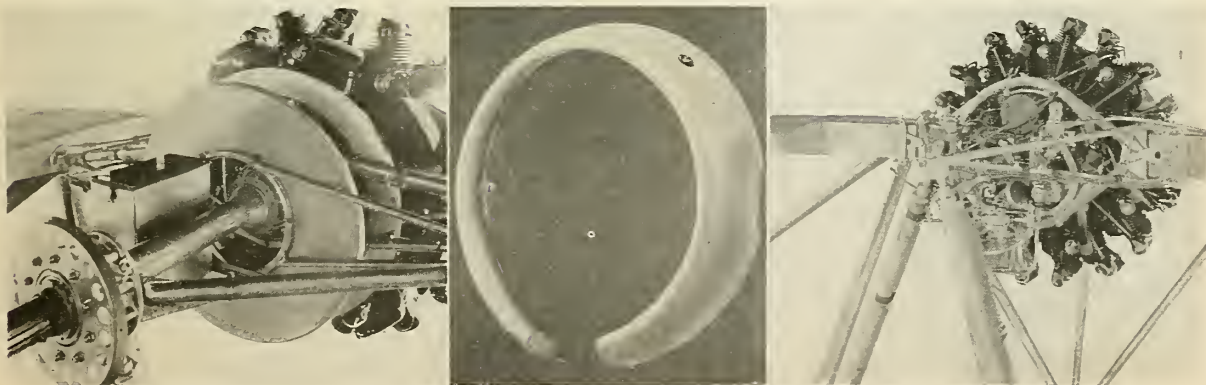
Considerable weight saving is also accomplished by constructing the gas tank as part of the hull structure, as well as forming the two rear seats. This tank system is less susceptible to damage and, if damaged, more easily repaired. Being built into the sturdiest part of the hull, the weight of the gasoline opposes the water loads on the bottom and, when pounding on rough water, the gasoline loads are spread over the entire bottom instead of being concentrated on local supports. An access plate makes it easy to effect repairs without removing the whole tank.

Ailerons are on the lower wing only, and with the large stagger, afford exceptionally good low-speed control and allow direct torque control from the hull, thus eliminating external struts and horns.

The design and construction of the hull was carried out by the Edo Aircraft Corp. under the direction of their chief engineer Mr. Korvin-Kroukovsky, who also aided in the detail design of the remainder of the structure. The hull is built of Alclad, anodized and painted, and the general structural design follows the well-known Edo pontoon lines.

The vertical fin is built integral with the hull and is also metal covered.

The combination of the above factors has led to a ship which, for an amphibion, is structurally light, aerodynamically clean, and offers excellent passenger accommodations.



Extension shaft and propeller rear bearing; combination oil tank and ring cowl; mounting ring between front wing beams

## Aircraft Dynamotors

• NEW DYNAMOTORS for the operation of radio transmitters and receivers on airplanes, and other applications where light weight is important, have just been developed by the Electric Specialty Co., Stamford, Conn. The design has been worked out to provide high efficiency, low ripple voltage, reliability under all operating conditions, and for convenience in installation and operation.

Light weight is obtained by using aluminum and magnesium alloy castings, and by electrical and mechanical design utilizing the materials most effectively.

The use of laminated steel fields, special silicon steel armature laminations, precision ball bearings, and special brush box construction to reduce friction enhances efficiency, while low ripple voltage, allowing the use of simple filter equipment, is obtained by special design of the magnetic circuit and armature slots, by the brush box construction, and by the large number of commutator bars in both the low and high voltage commutators.

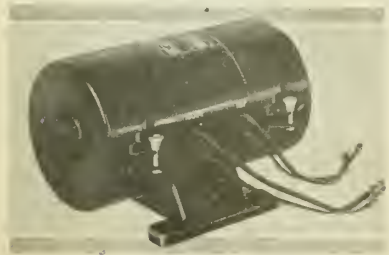
Reliable operation under severe conditions is insured by the enclosed construction, by the use of non-corrodible parts throughout, by vacuum impregnation of all windings, and by low temperature rise resulting from efficient design and liberal ratings. The machines are compact, with small overall dimensions and the brushes, brush boxes, commutators and bearings are readily accessible for maintenance.

These dynamotors are usually furnished to operate from 12-volt storage batteries and may be supplied to deliver a maximum of 1,500 volts and any capacity up to 500 watts.

## RCA General Purpose Radio Receiver

• MODEL AVR-5A, a general purpose receiver developed by the RCA Victor Co., Camden, N. J., supersedes the AVR-5 airport radio traffic control receiver.

It is a self-contained, AC operated, 9-tube superheterodyne unit, easily installed and operated and capable of re-

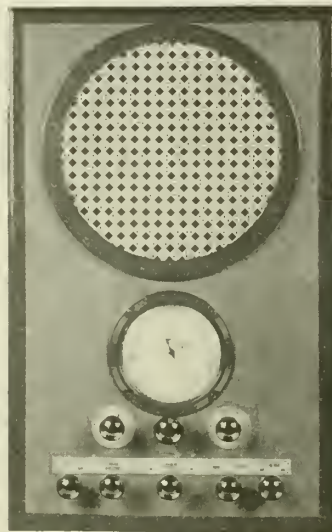


Dynamotor for aircraft radios

ceiving either continuous wave or modulated transmission within the frequency range of 150-18000 kc., in five bands.

The new model provides reception of airways weather reports as broadcast by the airways radio stations of the Department of Commerce; reception of transport line airport-aircraft communication; entertainment; and commercial or amateur code reception.

A rotary-type switching mechanism permits selection of frequency band which operates five different three-coil groups (15 in all), each of which is individually connected to the switch, and retaining the efficiency of each complete circuit.



RCA receiver model AVR-5A

An open-face, illuminated aircraft-type dial shows all frequencies and uses a double-ended needle pointer operating through 180° at a ratio of 55:1. Sensitivity with a minimum of background noise is attained through specially designed circuits and complete shielding, while sensitivity on the high frequency band is increased by an additional RF stage in the high frequency bands.

Construction of the AVR-5A is such that it will withstand all atmospheric conditions. It features a full-sized dynamic speaker (8-inch cone); control of RF sensitivity as well as audio gain, permitting lowering of the noise level as well as eliminating overloading of RF or IF circuits; selection of manual or automatic volume control; headphone or loudspeaker operation at the turn of a switch; and beat-note reception of CW signals on all frequencies. A switch on the panel controls the action of a CW oscillator when code reception is desired—an aid in locating extremely weak signals in the phone bands.

## Airway Beacon Intensifier

• AN INCREASE of 400,000 candle power although wattage has been decreased by 500, has been obtained by the Department of Commerce in its 24-inch diameter airways rotating beacons on the Federal airways. The addition of a simple auxiliary reflector and the substitution of a plain cover glass for a prismatic covered glass on the beacons has given the increased luminosity.

Tests conducted by F. Chapin Breckenridge of the National Bureau of Standards of the Department showed that a 500-watt lamp with a plain cover glass and a new-type auxiliary reflector would give 2,000,000 candlepower, 25 per cent more than the 1,600,000 candlepower obtained with the 1,000-watt lamps formerly used and nearly 3 times more than is developed by the present beacons with 500-watt lamps.

The auxiliary reflector is mounted in front of the lamp and throws stray light that normally would escape from the front of the beacon back into the lamp and onto the main mirror at the rear of the beacon. This concentrates all of the stray light and increases the intensity. Similarly the plain cover glass causes less scattering of light from the beacon.

## Fedders Heaters

• A VALUABLE piece of equipment for heating hangars, waiting rooms, etc., is the new Series 3 Unit Heater manufactured by the Fedders Manufacturing Co., Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.

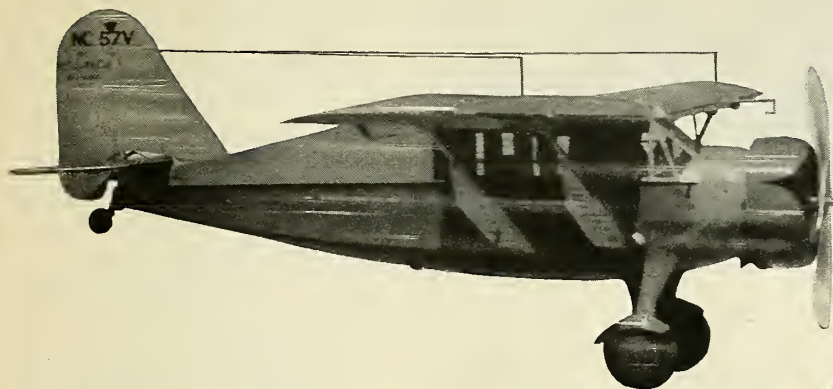
To meet demands in commercial installations, the cabinets are being designed in harmony with the simplicity of modern architectural practice. They are finished in a durable abrasion-resistant morocco-like texture and the cabinets are electrically welded into one piece with integral reinforcing members.

Special attention has been paid to the factor of quietness; streamline tubes, which provide large steam ways, patented fins and the entire construction combined with resilient motor mountings eliminate resonance and isolate vibration.

Header tanks have integral baffles to assure even steam distribution throughout the element. Specially designed full coating mountings maintain the alignment of the heating element within the cabinet, eliminate expansion stresses between element and cabinet and protect the element from piping strains. Efficiencies of heat transfer surface, air velocities and final outlet temperatures are balanced with each other.

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# ALL SET FOR "HAPPY LANDINGS"



One of the new 1934 Bellanca "Senior Skyrockets." Top speed 185 mph. Equipped with Goodrich Low Pressure Tires for safe landings and take-offs.



## NEW BELLANCA "SKYROCKETS" AND "PACEMAKERS" EQUIPPED WITH GOODRICH LOW PRESSURE TIRES

WITH nine successful Trans-Atlantic crossings, the first Trans-Pacific Japan-United States flight and the present World's Endurance Record to their credit, Bellanca planes are certainly in the forefront of aviation achievement. Now come the new 1934 Senior Series of "Skyrocket" and "Pacemaker" models to set new aviation records.

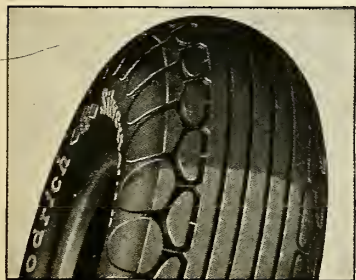
It's significant that Goodrich Low Pressure Tires are standard equipment on Bellanca planes. Bellanca officials recognize the importance of equipping their planes with a

quality tire in keeping with the superior workmanship built into the planes themselves. They choose Goodrich Airplane Silvertowns. As with many other airplane manufacturers and commercial air lines, the consistent safety records of these big, rugged tires prove their dependability, year after year.

### Investigate!

Give your planes the benefit of extra-safe take-offs and landings on Goodrich Airplane Silvertowns. See your nearest Goodrich dealer or write Dept. 444, Aeronautical Division of the B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio, for complete information about Goodrich Airplane Products.

*Whenever you fly, look at the tires. See how many times you take off on Goodrich Airplane Silvertowns*



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THE SAFEST AIRPLANE TIRE EVER BUILT

Over 40 Rubber Products for Airplanes—including Tires—Tail Wheels—Abrasion Shoes—De-Icers—Matting—Rubber Hose—Grommets—Shock Absorber Cord—A Complete line of Rubber Aeronautical Accessories.



Special motorcycle truck for transporting air express to and from airports

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## Motorcycles For Air Express

• AS A result of an investigation by experts in the transportation department of the Railway Express Agency, a new-type vehicle has been developed to carry air express.

These special trucks are mounted on a Harley Davidson or Indian motorcycle chassis. They are three-wheel affairs, air cooled, and can carry a capacity load of 1,000 pounds in 69 cu. ft. of cargo space. The body is mounted over the rear axle and is so constructed as to afford thorough weather protection for the driver. Featured, in addition to rugged construction, are high speed, short turning radius and low fuel consumption.

Tests have revealed that these three-wheeled air express trucks are ideal for crowded city traffic. They can be parked in a small space and can easily be maneuvered through lanes of traffic. In the first 14 days of operation between New York and Newark Airport these trucks cut the time of average delivery to a group of Wall Street bankers to 55 minutes from the time the plane landed. This includes not only the deliveries to the consignees but also a non-traffic stop en route.

## Precision Shafting

• TO OBTAIN highest machine efficiency and longest machine life, steel shafts must be in true alignment with bearings and with gears, pulleys, cams, clutches or other connected parts. Accuracy in size, concentricity, straightness and smooth finish of shafting are factors which develop noiseless machine operation, resistance against wear and minimize vibration. Particularly is this so where high speeds require the most perfect balance of all moving parts.

Union Precision Shafting, made by the Union Drawn Steel Co., Massillon, Ohio, is precise within very close limits in concentricity, straightness and size of diam-

eter. Its surface is developed to mirror smoothness and the finished bar is one that warrants balanced operation in the most intricate mechanism.

This shafting<sup>®</sup> is produced by turning, centerless grinding and burnishing to a high finish. These processes retain the physical properties of the hot rolled bar and so avoid any tendency toward warp- age or distortion where shafts are machined for keyways, threaded for lead screws, etc. The shafting is available in a size range from  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. to 8 in., inclusive and commercial size tolerances for carbon steels of .50 carbon and under are as follows:  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 2 7/16 in., inclusive, exact to .002 in. under; 2 1/2 to 8 in., inclusive, exact to .003 in., under and closer tolerances to .0005 in., on special order.

Physical properties of the shafting in low carbon steels are approximately as follows; tensile strength, 55,000 lbs./sq. in.; yield point, 30,000 lbs./sq. in., and elongation in 2 inches, 25-30 per cent.

## Lighting and Mounting Instruments

• MANY EXPERIMENTS were made by the Kollsman Instrument Company, Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y., over a period of several months, to develop a method which satisfactorily illuminates instruments on an aircraft panel and in which there was no glare or reflection of light from the instrument; uniform illumination of the dial and the pointer; no stray light; no complication in servicing the instrument; and individual direct lighting at reasonable cost.

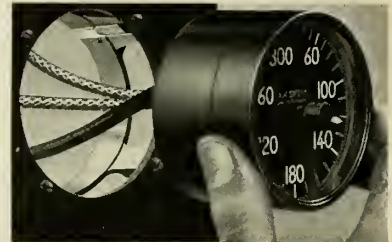
The method finally adopted is an electric bulb which screws into a socket located in the center of the glass. The bulb seats on a leather gasket which insures an air-tight seal. The socket is connected by two wires placed in a groove in the glass to two copper discs on the outer edge of the glass, which in turn are in contact with two spring contactors in the instrument case. Both bulb and cover glass are replaceable from the front. Wires are molded in the case to two studs on the back and a snap connector permits quick wiring to the main

battery line. All wiring and connectors are radio shielded with an adapter to take "Breeze" conduit casing.

The bulb operates on 1 1/2 to 2 volts and draws 1/10 amp. All the bulbs on one board are rheostat controlled and the light may be adjusted to the desired intensity. The source of energy can be from the plane's storage battery, in which case a resistor must be placed in the line or standard #6 dry cells may be used, in which event wire shielding is unnecessary.

With individual lights for each instrument, the instrument board can be so wired that the navigation instruments will be in a circuit separate from the other instruments, allowing the former to be switched on independently thus relieving the pilot of the necessity of watching instruments that are not essential to navigation.

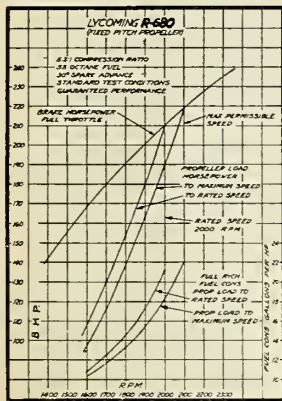
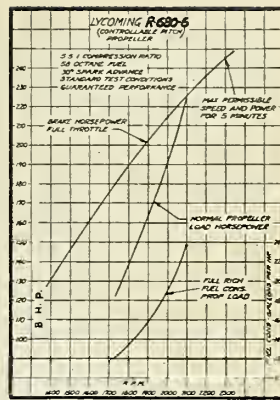
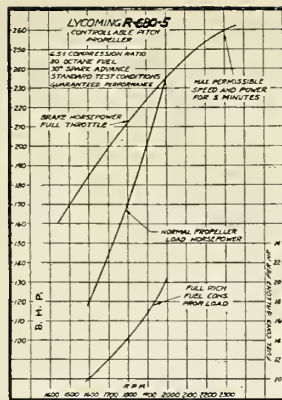
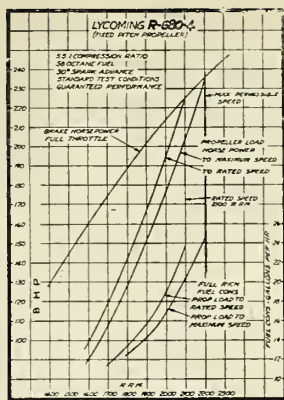
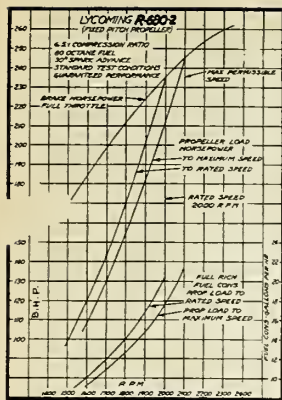
To eliminate the problems and difficulties of removing and reinstalling instruments mounted by the old method, the Kollsman company has designed an instrument for quick mounting. Instead of screwing the instrument by a mounting flange to the back of the instrument board, it is inserted from the front and held in place by a clamp. The instrument and its clamp have the same con-



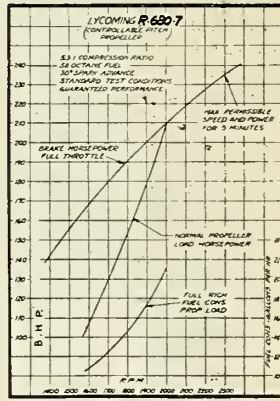
Kollsman instrument for flush mounting

tour and mounting holes as the old type flange mounting instrument, and therefore are interchangeable with the latter.

The clamp is fastened on the back of the board with standard mounting screws and is operated from the front of the board by tightening or loosening the mounting screw at the upper right side of the clamp. With this universal device, any instrument is inserted in the board from the front, and by merely tightening the screw it is clamped in place flush with the board. The time necessary to install or remove any instrument is a matter of seconds. The clamp offers another advantage in that the instrument may be rotated to any desired position. Certain transport operators make a practice of having the hands of all instruments horizontal when the ship is cruising, allowing easy and quick reading since a deviation of the hand from its cruising position is immediately apparent, without the pilot having constantly to read each individual instrument. All connections to the instruments can be flexible, which facilitates removal.



Curves showing average performances of Lycoming engines



dual type vertical magneto with two stationary sets of primary and secondary coils and two independent distributors. The rotating element is purely mechanical in character, consisting of a four-pole magnet rotating on ball bearings and carrying the breaker cam at its upper end. Distributors are driven by a separate shaft at right angles to the crankshaft, providing two entirely separate electrical currents, each firing one plug per cylinder.

The Stromberg NA-R7A carburetor is used. This unit is a single barrel type equipped with a mechanical economizer, mixture control and accelerating pump.

A standard starter drive operates directly on an extension of the crankshaft, to which may be attached an electric, inertia or a direct hand starter.

The tachometer drive unit is easily accessible when the engine is installed in the plane and the design is such that it can be withdrawn, together with its gear, for inspection.

A starter mounting with two additional drive pads for gun synchronizer, fuel or vacuum pump drives, can be supplied.

Cylinder design follows conventional lines for air-cooled engines. The cast aluminum alloy cylinder head with rocker arm supports cast integral, is

screwed and shrunk on a machined carbon steel barrel.

Exhaust valves of chrome tungsten steel have hollow stems, a modified tulip shaped head and are cooled with metallic sodium. Intake valves of tungsten steel have a solid stem with slightly concave heads. Valves are spread 30° from the cylinder center line and face the air stream to procure adequate cooling of the valve seats, which are of aluminum bronze shrunk into the aluminum head.

Cams, cam drive gears, cam followers, etc., are located in the forward part of the crankcase. The cams have four lobes each and run at 1/2 engine speed. Pushrods, rocker bearings and rockers are totally enclosed but the valve springs are exposed in order to prevent oil from collecting on the valve stems, to aid valve cooling and to eliminate the corrosive effect of the exhaust gases on ball bearings.

Two springs are used on the intake valve and three on the exhaust valve. All springs are made of round wire and helically wound with variable pitch coils in the same direction to promote valve rotation.

The crankshaft is of the two piece, clamp type design. The clamp proportions have been selected so that the tightening of the bolt will control stresses produced by the forcing of the



Lycoming Model R-680-3 or 7

clamped end over the crank pin. The shaft is counterweighted in conventional proportions and the counterweights are forged integral with the shaft. The shaft which is hollow throughout the length, rides in three bearings, the ball thrust bearing and the two main ball bearings.

Connecting rods consist of one master rod and eight link rods, the master rod being of one piece construction machined from a chrome nickel steel forging and provided with a steel back high lead bronze bearing. To insure that the master rod piston receives proper lubrication when starting, the master rod is placed in one of the lower cylinders where it receives more oil at low speeds.

The link rods are of forged aluminum alloy articulated from the master rod with nitralloy link pins. Bushings in the link rod ends have been eliminated and the aluminum bears directly on the glass hard nitrided pins.

Aluminum alloy forged pistons are used. Care has been given to the rigidity of the piston pin bosses as well as to the piston as a whole. Four rings are used above the piston pin and one below.

The full floating piston pins which are of generous size and made of nitralloy, are prevented from scoring cylinder walls by the insertion of soft alloy plugs in the ends.

The crankcase assembly is built up of four components secured by studs and nuts: (1) the thrust bearing housing containing the thrust bearing and cam follower guides; (2) the main bearing plate supporting the front main bearing and cam drive assembly; (3) the crankcase proper, carrying the rear main bearing and is provided with the cylinder pads; (4) the rear accessories housing containing the drives for the magneto, distributors, oil pump, tachometer and generator. This last component also provides a mounting for the engine starter, and carries the alignment bearing for the accessories drive shaft. These parts are made from heat treated, cast aluminum alloy, with the exception of the main bearing plate which is an aluminum alloy forging.

The oil sump is of cast aluminum alloy. It is studded to the crankcase and thrust bearing housing and also acts as a housing for the oil strainer.

The accessories drive shaft is an alloy steel shaft, driven by a spline from the rear half of the crankshaft and runs in a ball bearing located in the rear accessories housing. This shaft carries the accessories drive gears and starter jaw.

A rotary induction system is employed. It consists of a cast aluminum impeller of large diameter secured to the crankshaft and rotates at engine speed. The mixture is carried from the impeller chamber to the cylinders through intake pipes radiating tangentially from the case.

## Recent Aeronautical Patents

The following patents of interest to readers of AERO DIGEST recently were issued from the United States Patent Office and compiled by R. E. Burnham, patent and trade-mark attorney, 511 Eleventh Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Fabric (adapted to cover wings of aircraft). William Colvin, Jr., Troy, N. Y. (1,965,542)

Improved wing structure. Giuseppe M. Bellanca, New Castle, Del. (1,965,790)

Airplane control device. Thomas H. Crissey, New Canaan, Conn. (1,965,793)

Inlet manifold for liquid fuel. Stephen A. Hasbrouch, New Haven, Conn., assignor to Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co. (1,966,032)

Cowling ring. George A. Page, Jr., Freeport, and George E. Warren, Flushing, N. Y., assignors to Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co. (1,966,043)

Aircraft. Theodore M. Leka, New York, N. Y. (1,966,300)

Mounting for aircraft motors. Hiram C. Otwell, San Francisco, Calif. (1,966,309)

Propeller. George C. Walters, Jr., Flagstaff, Ariz. (1,966,366)

Propeller mechanism for aircraft. Frank Donohue, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y. (1,966,382)

Landing light. Donald R. Bruner, Dayton, Ohio. (1,966,436)

Rotary vacuum wing or propeller for use on air, land, and water vehicles. Otto K. Quasi, Spokane, Wash. (1,966,461)

Inclinometer for airplanes. Cyrus O. Fritsch, North Brook, Ill. (1,966,714)

Navigational instruments. Victor E. Carbonara, Rockville Center, N. Y., assignor to Bendix Aviation Corp. (1,966,844 and 1,966,845)

Aircraft control system and apparatus for automatic control more particularly of aircraft. Waldemar Moller, Berlin-Zehlendorf, Germany. (1,967,155 and 1,967,156)

System of rotating wings controlled by automatic rudder. Giovanni Serragli, Florence, Italy. (1,967,329)

Propeller. John Squires, Hagerstown, Md. (1,967,435)

Variable-pitch propeller. Frank Bal-  
lew, Detroit, Mich. (1,967,461)

Aerial system (for aircraft). Harold H. Beverage, Riverhead, N. Y., assignor to Radio Corp. of America. (1,967,604)

Propeller. Vincent Bendix, South Bend, Ind., assignor to Bendix Research Corp. (1,967,735)

Propeller. George F. Houston, South Bend, Ind., assignor to Bendix Research Corp. (1,967,753)

Aileron control. Robert J. Minshall, Seattle, Wash., assignor to Boeing Airplane Co. (1,967,777)

Cantilever wing for aircraft. Barnes N. Wallis, Weybridge, England, assignor to Cicker (Aviation) Ltd., same place. (1,967,795)

Airplane rudder structure. Earl J. W. Ragsdale, Norristown, Pa., assignor to Edward G. Budd Mfg. Co. (1,967,901)

Automatic control for controllable-pitch propellers. Howard H. Couch, Dayton, Ohio. (1,968,029)

Training and testing device for aviators. Luther S. Rose, Langley Field, Va. (1,968,057)

Airplane wheel. Ernest F. Goodyear, Moxhall Park, Wishaw, and Joseph Wright, Stoke Park, Coventry, England, assignors to Dunlop Rubber Co. Ltd., Fort Dunlop, England. (1,968,076)

System of navigation and plant for carrying it out. William A. Loth, Paris, France. (1,968,085)

Bomb sight. Antonio Clementi, Vienna, Austria. (1,968,127)

Gun mount. Clem G. Trimbach, Kenmore, N. Y., assignor to Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co. (1,968,182)

Aircraft. Bert Smith, Denver, Colo. (1,968,227)

Wind tunnel. Elisha N. Fales, Haverford, Pa. (1,968,382)

Airplane. Curtis J. Magalis, Mc-Gaheysville, Va. (1,968,497)

Method of balancing propeller blades. John Squires, Hagerstown, Md. (1,968,540)

Compass. Harry H. Innis, Munhall, Pa., assignor to General Electric Co. (1,968,556)

Landing chassis for aircraft. Claude Dornier, Friedrichshafen, Germany. (1,968,637)

Propeller blade pitch gauge. John B. Knei, lieutenant commander, U. S. Navy. (1,968,837)

Wind indicator. William M. Lanagan, Rantoul, Ill. (1,968,838)

Variable-pitch propeller. Howard C. Mem, Cleveland, Ohio. (1,968,844)

Air propeller. Joseph Toth, Budapest, Hungary. (1,968,918)

Aircraft sustaining unit. John H. Howe, South Orange, N. J. (1,969,077)

Device for giving luminous signals, particularly adapted for aviation purposes. Robertus J. Castendijk, Eindhoven, Netherlands, assignor to Carl Zeiss, Jena, Germany. (1,969,206)

Propeller. Marshall A. Smith, jr., South Bend, Ind., assignor to Bendix Aviation Corp. (1,969,280)

Method and means for determining altitude from aircraft. Ernst F. W. Alexanderson, Schenectady, N. Y., assignor to General Electric Co. (1,969,537)

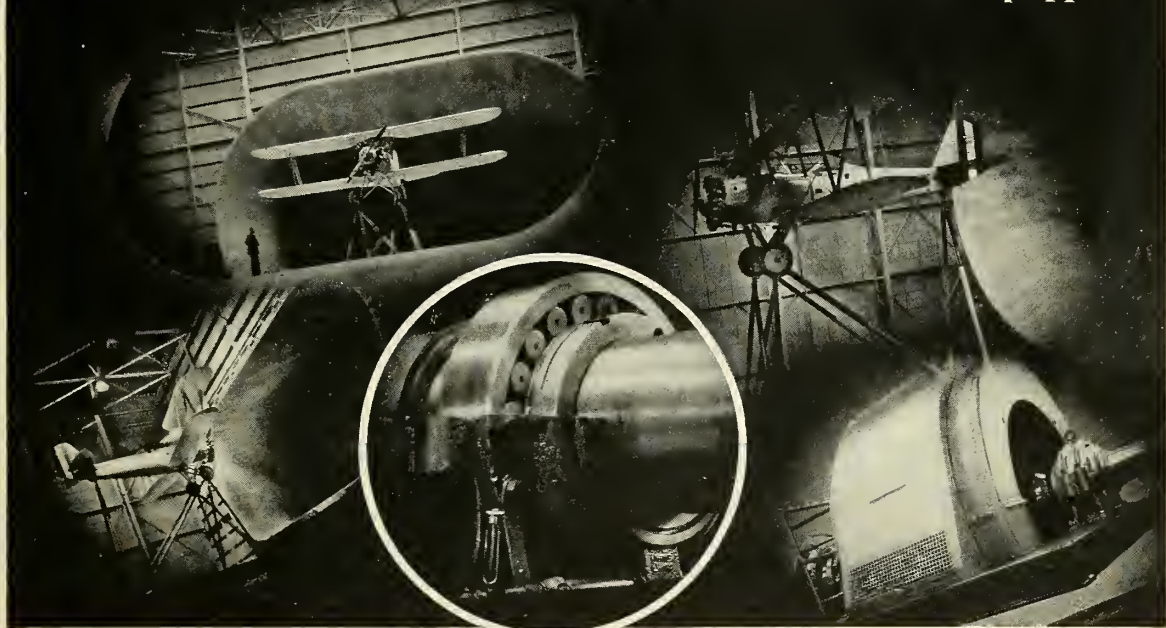
Propeller hub. Albert Rupp, Berlin-Tempelhof, Germany. (1,969,664)



# 115 MILE GALE

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bearings cost a little more? The point is that they perform and in a bearing, performance is the only thing that counts. It is not strange, therefore, that the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, in selecting the gigantic motors for the largest wind tunnel in the world, should see to it that they are SKF equipped.

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ABOVE: Largest wind tunnel in the world erected by National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Langley Field, Va. 115 mile gale for airplane testing is created by two 4000 H. P. electric motors each turning a 12" shaft on SKF Bearings.

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# PRIVATE FLYING and CLUB NEWS

## *Buffalo to Have Air Races*

THE SECOND Annual Buffalo Air Races, under the joint sponsorship of the Buffalo Aero Club and the local Junior Chamber of Commerce are to be held at the Buffalo Municipal Airport, New York, on September 8 and 9.

Approximately \$5,000 and many valuable trophies are to be awarded to the winners of the various events. Included as a featured race is an event limited to planes with engines of 550 cu. in. displacement, maximum. It is planned to have about four competitive events each day and to present to the audience some very fine aerial exhibitions. According to Frank McKay, the meet has been sanctioned by the N.A.A. as a regional affair.

## *Air Club in Ambitious Program*

THE ST. JOSEPH Valley Aviation Club of South Bend, with headquarters at the Bendix Municipal Airport, has been reorganized under a non-profit charter granted by the state to develop phases of aviation not heretofore undertaken by flying clubs.

It is proposed to increase the membership to 500 or more, establishing a nominal fee, and taking in all persons interested in flying or any related activities. A library and reading room devoted to aviation progress is to be opened as soon as possible; nationally-known speakers are to be brought before the club and social affairs are to be developed with the aid of a women's auxiliary.

The club is authorized to purchase and own planes for club use, and to build a clubhouse. Dr. C. L. Snyder, of South Bend, is president.

## *Langstaff Appointed to Air Post*

D. O. LANGSTAFF of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, has been appointed state inspector of aviation by Governor O. K. Allen. Under an act of 1932 regulating aircraft, the inspector of aviation is authorized and directed to make regular inspections of aircraft and to promulgate provisions governing flying.

## *Second State Tour Scheduled*

DATE OF the second state air tour to be sponsored by the Oklahoma City Aviation Club has been set for September 15-16, according to Moss Patterson, club president. The tour will include McAlester, Wilburton, Tahihina, Heavener, Poteau, Okla., Fort Smith, Ark., Eufala, Muskogee and Okmulgee, Okla. This tour will complete inspection and official dedication of 38 new airports which, with about six additional ports on which improvements were made, represent an expenditure of about \$250,000 of

federal funds under CWA and FERA.

The first tour conducted by the club in June attracted more than 30 ships which visited 22 Oklahoma cities. Patterson estimated that at least as many ships will take part in the second tour.

## **SPORTSMAN PILOTS VIE FOR NATIONAL RATING**

**LEADING SPORTSMAN** pilots of this country are competing in elimination trials to represent their respective states in the National Sportsman Pilot Championship Tournament to be held this fall. These state champions, one man and one woman from each state, will vie for the honor of being designated America's premier sportsman pilots. The tournament is being held under the auspices of The Sportsman Pilot Association.

## *Air Meet at Cape Cod Airport*

THE I. J. FOX Air Carnival, held at Marstons Mills, Cape Cod, attracted a large gathering including many flyers from New England. After an air parade over Boston, a derby race was held between Boston and the Cape Cod Airport, with Joseph Burnett finishing first, followed by William Bowen and Mrs. Kenyon. A bomb-dropping contest precision-landing contest, sky polo, and woman's race were among the other features.

Stunting exhibitions by Crocker Snow and Mrs. Kenyon were also on the program.

## *21 Planes Make Air Tour*

TWENTY-ONE PORTLAND, Ore., planes with as many sportsmen pilots, recently made a practice flight to The Dalles, Ore.

Among those who took part in the exhibition were: Cecil J. Pounder, Pounder Flying Service; Ray Schanhais, operations chief of the tour; George Howe, Rasmussen-Meadows Flying Service; J. H. Wildman; O. G. Barnum; Harold Wagner; Seth Davidson; Dr. H. Kyle; Stanley Harris; Jos. K. Terry, Bell Flying Service and L. H. Corder.

## *State Air Meet to Be Held*

THE ANNUAL All State Air Meet of West Virginia will be held Sept. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, at Jackson's Mill, Weston, West Virginia. The airport, on the site of the old Stonewall Jackson Farm, is a part of the State agricultural experimental station.

The meet is held annually in connection with the State Fair, and will be under the direction of H. A. Diekmann, manager of the airport.

## *Private Flyers Organize*

IN THE SPRING of this year, several well-known private pilots undertook to organize a national association of private flyers to make private flying more convenient, less expensive and more enjoyable. They felt there was need for an organization which would accomplish these objectives, by sponsoring the private flyers viewpoint in such matters as governmental regulations and legislation, insurance and flying facilities; by providing useful information on airport charges, the conditions of fields and cross-country courses; and by representing the flyer in all other matters and problems which involve his interest. In the brief period of its existence, the Private Fliers Association (as the organization is known) has enrolled as members some of the most prominent non-commercial pilots. Any pilot or aircraft owner is eligible for active membership if he (or she) does not derive his principal income from piloting, instructing or renting airplanes, or running an airport. The Association is now compiling data and preparing recommendations to be presented to the Federal Aviation Commission in behalf of private flying. The Association recently established headquarters and clubrooms at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel in New York City.

## *Sales Trip Covered by Air*

A 10-DAY sales trip was undertaken recently by Thomas C. Kyle, sales manager of the Muessel Brewing Co., South Bend, Indiana, in a Cessna monoplane, piloted by Rudolph Van Devere of the Indiana Air Service. The tour covered many states, reaching as far south as New Orleans. The brewing company has used airplane transport and promotional services frequently in extending the distribution of its product.

## *Girl Solos in Three Hours*

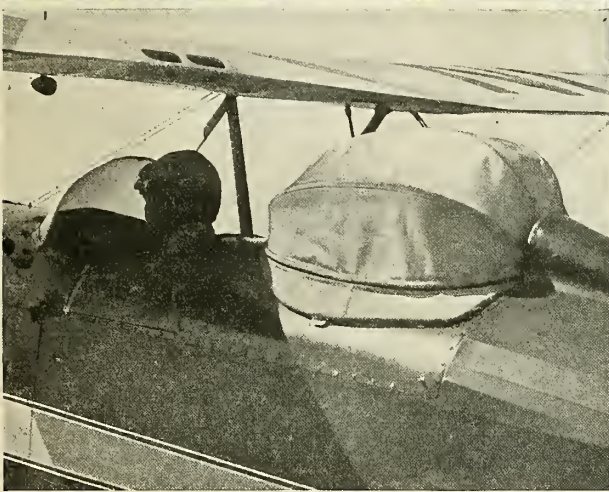
WITH NEARLY 50 pupils in training under the two air schools operating at the Bendix Municipal Airport at South Bend, Indiana, it remained for a 16-year-old girl to set a new minimum time record for her solo flight.

Miss Lois Greenwood soloed after 3 hours 15 minutes of instruction by Homer Stockert.

## *Girls Club Gives Exhibition Flight*

TEN MEMBERS of the Chicago Girls Flying Club paid a visit to the Paul Baer Municipal airport, Fort Wayne, Ind., to give a flying exhibition. Most of the women drove to Fort Wayne in automobiles, and used local planes for their flying. A parade over the city was followed by stunt work at the airport.

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PHOTOGRAPHS: Ryan students receive instruction in meteorology • All Ryan transport students receive "blind" or instrument flying under hood • The Ryan School is within easy walking distance of residence and business sections of San Diego • Lindbergh Field is completely lighted for Ryan students' night flying instruction.

# RYAN

## invites comparison

Let's consider facts:

THE terms "best—finest—most ideal" are meaningless in describing aeronautical schools unless the schools are definitely compared one with the other. For this reason the RYAN School suggests that prospective students compare the leading Department of Commerce Approved Schools point for point before making a definite selection.

"Advance enrollment deposits" are not required at RYAN. Those who prefer to come to San Diego and first investigate the school will be allowed the proper transportation refund upon enrollment. The school's instructive 40-page illustrated catalog is free—send for it.

Fall and Winter classes are now forming. Those who appreciate year 'round flying weather will be interested in knowing that in this city these terms are merely descriptive of the time, for San Diego knows neither Fall nor Winter Seasons.

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# RYAN SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS

Lindbergh Field  
In Sunny SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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### Seaplane Meet at Cape Cod Club

THE FIRST New England seaplane meet was held at the Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, Mass., under the auspices of the club, with events including a parade over Cape Cod; bomb dropping, life saving; handicap races; stunting exhibitions and other contests.

The two lap race was won by James P. Whitall, with Guy A. Ham, Jr., second and J. Otis Beard, third. Winners of the three lap race were Whitall, Ham and Capt. H. Wincapaw, in that order. Two persons formed the crew for the life saving event. The object of the contest was to take off, land and retrieve a dummy dropped from a boat, taxiing to shore with it, in the shortest time. George B. Post, won with a time of 1 minute 38 seconds.

In the bomb dropping contest, each pilot was to drop one bomb from not less than 100 feet; the target was a white circle painted on a raft. This event was won by Beard; Post was second with Mrs. Margo Tanner third. Beard in his Aeronca won the take-off contest, which was to go to the plane taking off in the shortest time. The prize was a cup, known as the Edo Trophy, donated by George Post. Guy Ham reached the 1000-foot level in the quickest time to win the altitude race.

The feature of the afternoon was a radio controlled stunting exhibition by Mrs. Theodore W. Kenyon in a Waco landplane, with Mr. Kenyon at the microphone. Later, Lieut. W. L. Foley of the Gloucester Coast Guard station gave an acrobatic exhibition in a Vought Corsair.

### New Aviation Group Incorporates

TO ADVANCE aeronautics throughout the state of Washington, The Washington State Aeronautic Association has been duly formed and incorporated with headquarters at Wenatchee, Wash. Incorporators are Ray W. Clark, W. G. Ronald and D. A. Shiner.

### Oregon Gets Air Director

DR. RAYMOND R. STAUB has been appointed by Governor Meier of Oregon to the State Board of Aeronautics.

The present membership of the board also includes Dr. Carl J. Bartell, L. B. Hickam, Charles Reynolds and Russell H. Lawson.

### Aero Club Elects Officers

ASA ROUNTREE was elected president of the Birmingham Aero Club at a recent meeting. E. W. Stanford, Hayden Brooks, John Donalson and Blance Toney were elected vice-presidents, and D. E. Denny was elected secretary-treasurer. The following members were chosen to form the board of governors: Steadham Acker, Leslie Meadows, Harold Wood, Mall Lawson, James S Adair,

James Anderson, W. R. Kent, Joe Brady, Odell Garrison, Paul Patterson, Jack Rhodes, Gideon Wynne, Jr., William Donovan, A. R. Pryor, Harry King and Jack Moose.

### 59 PLANES TAKE 259 PERSONS ON AIR TOUR

THE THIRD annual good-will flight between Roosevelt Field and Montreal attracted 59 planes and 259 passengers who spent a weekend as the guests of the Montreal Light Aeroplane Club. The American fliers were greeted at the St. Hubert Airport by a crowd of Canadian pilots and civic authorities.

### Malone Wins Marion Feature

JAMES A. MALONE, flying a Stinson monoplane, won the 100-mile cross-country derby, the feature of the Southern Illinois Air Races held at Marion, Ill., under the auspices of the local American Legion post. The air races were part of the ceremonies held in connection with the opening of Marion's new airport.

Fred Ludwig in a Buhl Bullpup was second, and Virgil Russell was third.

Army planes from Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., piloted by Lieutenants W. Richie, I. R. Selby and L. S. Fulwider, opened the program with a series of maneuvers and Art Gobel assisted in the airport dedicatory ceremonies.

### Plane Used to Run Walnut Orchard

C. C. ANDERSON, manager of a 773-acre walnut tract ten miles east of Stockton, California, runs the orchard from the air. Daily during the growing season Anderson flies over the orchard at 600 or 700 feet to check the flow of water in the irrigation ditches, the spraying operations, the appearance of the trees and other details. He can do in one hour or two a job that would require a week or more of steady hiking.

Inspecting the irrigation system on foot is out of the question for there are ten miles of concrete pipelines and more than 300 miles of contour ditches between the rows of trees. Water is supplied by eight electric pumps ranging from 20 to 50 horsepower.

### Wisconsin Air Meet to Be Held

UNDER THE sponsorship of the Myron C. West Post of the American Legion, the Southern Wisconsin Air Derby will be held at Beloit, Wis., September 8 and 9. Harry W. Lewis, Ted R. Fish and Arnold M. Marquis will direct the meet.

Features of the derby will be a 100-mile cross-country race, a free-for-all race, a stunting contest and an altitude race.

### Women Hold Air Meet

SPONSORED JOINTLY by the Women's National Aeronautical Association and the Ninety-Nines, the First Women's National Air Meet was held at the Dayton Municipal Airport, Vandalia, Ohio, August 4-5.

The featured events consisted of two races. In addition, there were exhibition parachute jumps, and contests in precision landing and bomb dropping.

The meet opened with a twenty-mile handicap race sponsored by the Waco Aircraft Corp. Twelve pilots entered this race, with Jeanette Lempke coming in first and Annette Gipson, second.

The contest in precision landing followed the Waco race. The winners of this event were: first, Ellen Smith, who landed 3 feet 7 inches from the mark and Mrs. C. F. Kolp, second.

The concluding event of August 4th was an exhibition parachute jump by Miss Lucile H. Parker.

On August 5th, the main event was the fifty-mile handicap race of five laps around a ten-mile course, won by Helen Richey. Alma Arline Davis was second and Gladys O'Donnell, third. Edna Gardner who was disqualified has filed a protest with the N.A.A.

The other contest of the afternoon was the bomb dropping contest, which was won by Mrs. Kolp.

### 20 Planes Make Long Tour

THE SALT LAKE City Chamber of Commerce air armada completed a 1,000-mile swing around the state airports with 20 private planes in the entourage.

The air armada was in charge of a committee composed of Ray L. Peck, manager of the Thompson Flying service, who was flight commander; Winston Ellerbeck, of the Chamber of Commerce of Salt Lake City aviation committee and Dean Brimhall, who was in charge of the CWA airport work.

Among the communities visited were: Duchesne, Vernal, Myton, Price, Green River, Moab, Provo, Torrey, Kanab, Cedar City, Milford, Richfield, Ogden and Logan.

### Club Officers Elected

AT THE annual election of officers of the Wing Over Club of Beaumont, Inc., Beaumont, Texas, Larry J. Fischer was re-elected president. Other officers chosen were James Marshall, vice-president; Burton Holton, secretary-treasurer and Luther Coruthers, B. F. Edgar, Ralph Hall, O. K. Hargraves and Wiley Sullivan, directors.

The club is entering its third year and now includes 50 pilots. It has helped aviation immeasurably in Texas and only recently was instrumental in the erection of an air marker on one of the buildings in the city.

# AIRLINES and AIR TRAVEL

## New Transport Rules Promulgated

REVISIONS OF regulations pertaining to air transport operation and aimed at making air transportation safe, are to become effective the first of this month as a result of a two-day conference held in Washington between the airline operators and officials of the Bureau of Air Commerce.

The major proposals dealt with the creation of the position of air dispatchers whose names and qualifications would be on file with the Bureau; breaking up of airways into divisions, with pilots and equipment operating solely over a particular division; an employment code limiting flying hours; limitation of above-the-cloud and fog flying operations and permission to airlines, where properly equipped, to fly at high altitudes.

The outstanding effect of the new rules is in the limitation of operations of multi-motored and single engined transports. Above-the-cloud and fog flying has been confined to planes with more than one engine capable of continuing flight after the failure of one engine. Single-engined planes are restricted to daylight flying under such conditions that the ground is visible at all times or there is sufficient ceiling under the clouds for them to effect a safe forced landing in the event of engine failure.

The increased range, speed and safety of the multi-engined airliner is recognized in the greater distances they are permitted to fly through or over bad weather areas.

An airway was described as a path 50 miles wide and extending 25 miles beyond either terminal or division; pilots are now confined to such airways and cannot deviate from them.

## United Passenger Traffic Increases

AN INCREASE of 42.6 per cent in number of passengers carried by United

Air Lines during the first seven months of 1934, over the volume transported during the corresponding period of 1933, is reported by the company's officials.

A total of 83,409 revenue passengers traveled over the New York-Chicago-Pacific coast and other United routes between January 1 and August 1 of 1934, against 58,486 revenue passengers carried in the same period last year.

## MAIL OPERATORS BETTER 98 PER CENT EFFICIENCY

DURING JUNE, air mail operators in the United States flew 1,909,984 miles, maintaining an operating frequency which was 98.37 per cent of the total miles scheduled. During that period, a perfect schedule was maintained on 11 of the 25 routes flying. United flew 100 per cent on one route, American Airlines on three, Wyoming on two while General Air, Braniff, Long & Harmon, Alfred Frank and National Airways also flew all miles scheduled.

## Pan American Traffic Reaches Peak

SETTING A new high record for international air travel, Pan American Airways, for the first quarter of this year, carried 29,139 passengers, 30 per cent over comparative figures in 1933. Passenger miles totaled 9,793,818 an increase of 36 per cent over the first quarter of 1933, and a total which places the company first among all international air transport systems.

During the period under consideration 1,374,978 pounds of mail and express were carried, a gain of almost 325,000 pounds over 1933. Practically all routes in the system reported increases for the first quarter.

## Overnight Coast Service Opens

LINKING THE Atlantic and Pacific Coasts together with regular overnight air transport schedules, Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., has inaugurated a daily schedule between New York and Los Angeles in new TWA-Douglas luxury airliners.

Every afternoon at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m., Douglas fourteen-passenger transports depart from New York and arrive in Los Angeles at 7:00 and 9:15 a.m., respectively, the next morning. The first schedule serves Chicago, Kansas City and Albuquerque en route while the second makes stops at Pittsburgh, Chicago, Kansas City, Wichita, Amarillo and Albuquerque.

Eastbound, the first plane leaves at 4:00 p.m. and before arriving in New York at 10:55 a.m., stops at Albuquerque, Kansas City and Chicago; the second eastbound Douglas leaves at 9:00 p.m., and stops at Albuquerque, Amarillo, Wichita, Kansas City, Chicago and Pittsburgh arriving in New York at 4:57, the following afternoon.

Although the inaugural service was instituted with one plane a day in each direction, the great demand for accommodations compelled the addition of the second and later schedule. It was revealed that bookings were being made a week in advance with waiting lists on many of the flights.

Air express traffic is increasing rapidly on these flights while newspapers are being shipped to guests in Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York hotels permitting visitors to read their home papers 2,500 miles away the same day they are printed.

Transcontinental and Western Air, carries no mail on these flights, that cargo coming in eight hours later with TWA, Inc., a new company formed to transport the mail.



Inaugurating TWA's overnight coast-to-coast service with new Douglas luxury airliners. Passengers at Newark before the 4 p.m. departure and at a 7 o'clock breakfast the following morning in Los Angeles

### Express Rates Reduced

NEW AIR express tariffs and a re-zoning of the United States became effective August 15 over routes flown by companies affiliated with General Air Express. A reduction in the cost of shipping as well as the introduction of a new minimum rate was announced at the same time by Railway Express Agency.

The former rate of \$1.25 to \$1.80 minimum for one pound or less has been reduced to 85 cents for 12 ounces or less and \$1 on shipments up to one pound; shipments in both minimum classes are to any point in the U. S. All rates include pickup and delivery by Postal Telegraph or Railway Express.

The country is now divided by General Air Express into 24 zones of 100 miles each instead of 59 zones of 50 miles each, effecting a saving at practically every point.

Airlines affiliated with General Air Express are Eastern Air Lines, American Air Lines, Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., Pennsylvania Airlines & Transport Corp., Northwest Airlines, Inc., and Long & Harmon, Inc.

Those affiliated with the Railway Express Agency include United Air Lines, General Air Lines, Northwest Airways, Alfred Frank, Hanford Tri State, Bowen, Wyoming, Braniff, Central, Pacific Seaboard, and Robertson.

### St. Louis Gets Better Mail Service

A NEW air mail schedule which provides for direct St. Louis-New York air mail service and a later closing hour on mail is now operating.

A new schedule, the result of efforts made by the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce Air Board, calls for the departure of planes from St. Louis at 7:50 p.m., daily with arrival in New York at 4:45 o'clock the following morning in time for the first delivery there.

Since resumption of air mail service, mail was flown to New York via Chicago, the plane leaving St. Louis at 6:20 p.m., which made the closing time 5:15 at the St. Louis postoffice. The earlier closing was found unsatisfactory and a campaign for improved schedules was started by the civic group. The closing time under the new schedules for east-bound mail is 6:45 p.m.

Westbound, the mail planes leave New York at 10:00 p.m., daily and arrive in St. Louis at 5:10 a.m.



808 pounds of machinery, constituting the largest international air express shipment, being loaded aboard a Curtiss-Wright Condor for the start of a flight to South America

### Purchase of Transport Fleet Planned

GENERAL AIR Lines is making arrangements for the immediate purchase of a \$300,000 fleet of high-speed, all-metal, low-wing transports seating 10 to 14 passengers for use over its 700-mile route between San Diego and Salt Lake.

Specifications call for a cruising speed of between 190 to 200 miles an hour, reducing the company's flying time from six to approximately three and a half hours. The ships are to be bi-motored and so powered that flight can be maintained on one motor at prescribed altitudes. Testing will include flights over the Great American desert under actual flying conditions of various atmospheric disturbances. Load tests will be conducted at various altitudes on one and both motors. Interior of the planes calls for full reclining chairs with lavatory and cupboard space while the noise level must be equal or below a modern Pullman car.

Charles N. James, operations superintendent is contacting manufacturers relative to a choice of equipment.

### New Radio Equipment Installed

NEW VOICE transmitting equipment has been installed in the American Airlines central division operations building, Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport.

A 400-watt short wave transmitter for working airplanes and sending messages to ground stations, and a 250-watt phone transmitter for code messages were installed. Both transmitters are capable of operating on four different frequencies. This equipment replaces 50-watt transmitters temporarily used.

### Aerial Tour Offered

ARRANGEMENTS MADE between Pan American Airways, the Furness Prince Lines and the Grace Line have resulted in offering a 17,000-mile, six-week cruise by plane and steamer around South America. Thos. Cook & Son—Wagon-Lits, Inc., are cooperating in making this tour possible.

Three trips are being offered, one leaving New York September 11, another October 9, and the third November 6. The "Brazilian Clipper" S-42 will be used from Miami to Rio de Janeiro; there a boat will be taken to Buenos Aires; then another Pan American plane to Valparaiso where another steamer will make the return trip to Miami. Trains will be used between Miami and New York.

Each trip will include a visit to 21 countries, shore excursions, sight-seeing parties and individual trips.

### Excursion Rates Attract Business

EASTERN AIR Lines, Inc., has demonstrated that excursion trips by air can be as attractive to air passengers as to travelers by steamship and railroad. This airline recently instituted a 30-day excursion rate over its New York-Atlanta-New Orleans route, and traffic has gained 80 per cent since it began.

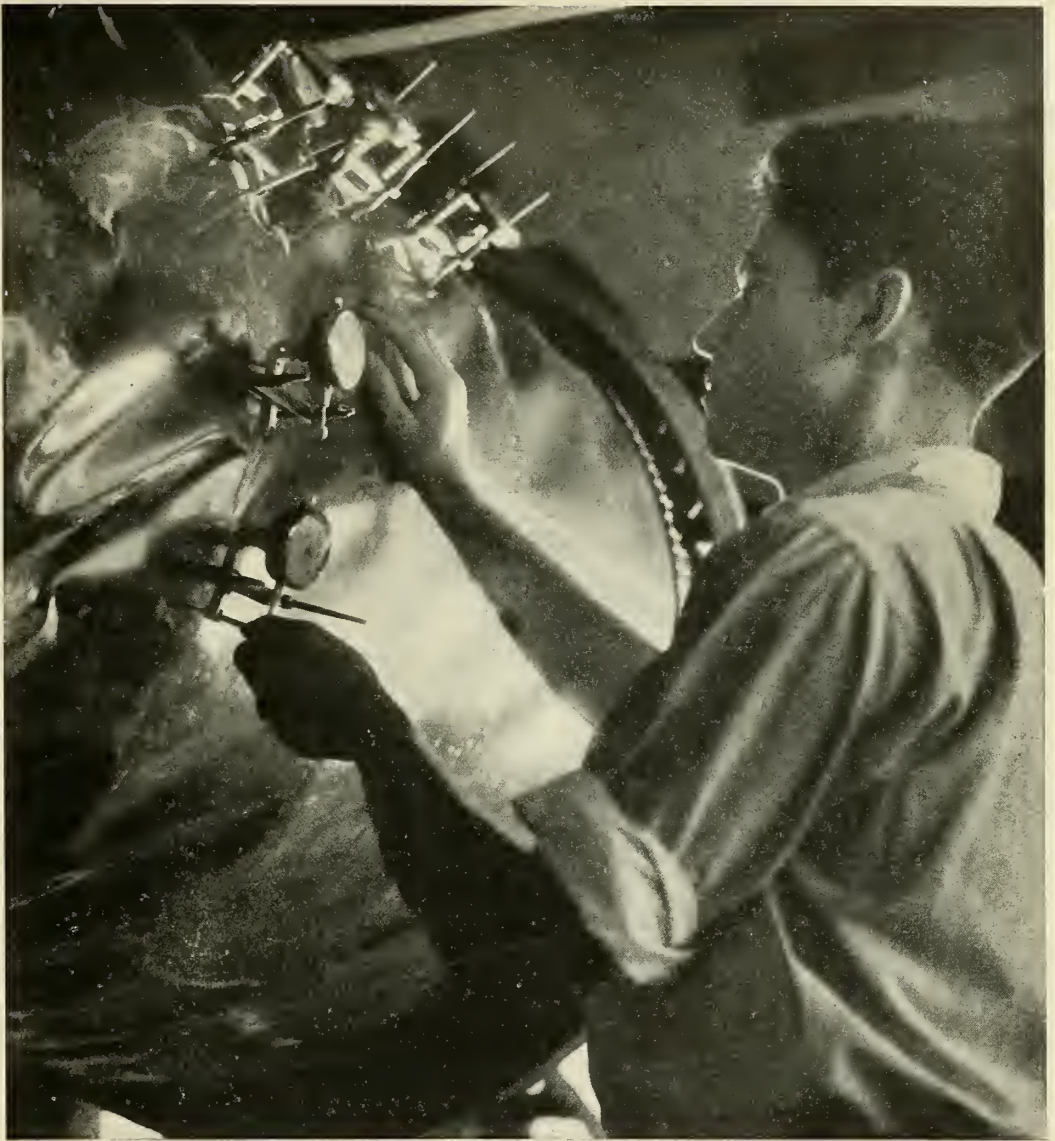
In analyzing the increased passenger volume, Eastern Air Lines finds that more than 50 per cent are business travelers such as company executives, merchandise buyers and salesmen, while the rest are professional men, clergymen and pleasure travelers.

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#### **S-42 Flies To South America**

CARRYING NINETEEN passengers and a crew of eight, the Sikorsky S-42 took off from Biscayne Bay, Miami, on August 16 to begin the first leg of its maiden 15,000-mile flight to South America for Pan American Airways.

After stopping at Port-au-Prince, San Juan, Georgetown, Para and Natal, the S-42 landed at Rio de Janeiro where Senora Vargas, wife of the Brazilian president, christened it. Remaining in Rio for a few days, the flying boat again took off and proceeded to Buenos Aires landing there two days ahead of the former schedule of eight days between Miami and that city.

The passengers consisted chiefly of prominent publishers, officials of Pan American Airways and Eugene Vidal. Chief Pilot Ed Musick was at the controls of the four-engined ship the greater part of the flight.

At the take-off from Miami, the plane lifted a useful load of more than eight tons, including 1240 gallons of fuel, almost 500 pounds of oil and 700 pounds of equipment.

#### **New Schedule Inaugurated**

PROVIDING KANSAS City with its only afternoon departure for Chicago, Cleveland, New York and other eastern points, United Air Lines inaugurated on August 1, a new schedule with departure from Kansas City at 2:15 p.m. and arrival at Chicago at 4:55 p.m., Cleveland at 8:35 p.m. and New York at 11:25 p.m. The southbound schedule departs from Chicago at 5:25 p.m. and reaches Kansas City at 8:30 p.m., for overnight train connections to points in Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Moline, Ill., and Burlington, Iowa, are served with flag stops.

The new schedule also provides for a direct United connection from St. Joseph, to connect with the plane leaving from Kansas City.

#### **Texas-Louisiana Service Starts**

ROBERTSON AIRPLANE Service Co., is now providing daily mail service over the Houston-New Orleans airway.

In addition to Houston and New Orleans, the route serves Baton Rouge and Lake Charles, La., and Beaumont, Texas. Three planes were put into operation.

Robertson's home office is at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, St. Louis.

#### **Salt Lake Traffic Heavy**

PASSENGER TRAFFIC through Salt Lake airport reached a new high for the year when 170 passengers checked in at the airport in a single day. Traffic to both east and west points is increasing appreciably, airport officials report.

A new schedule through Salt Lake City

was announced by United Air Lines, with four schedules daily from the east, three being coast-to-coast and the fourth from New York to Salt Lake City.

### **UNITED AIR LINES FLIES 70,000,000 MILES**

UNITED AIR Lines passed the 70,000,000-mile mark in July, of which approximately 33,000,000 miles were flown at night. The record was established during the company's eight years of operations. With increased passenger-carrying activities, United planes will fly 15,000,000 miles this year, the equivalent of the first three years of operations.

#### **Through Condor Service Offered**

CURTISS-WRIGHT Condors have been placed in service by Eastern Air Lines between New York, Birmingham and New Orleans. Under the old system plane changes were made at Atlanta.

#### **New Company Formed**

UNITED AERIAL Surveys, Inc., of Omaha, Neb., has filed articles of incorporation, stating an authorized capitalization of \$25,000. R. E. Davis and W. W. Wenstrand are managing the new enterprise.

#### **Air Markings Required**

LIGHTS AND other signals for the protection of air navigation are now required on bridges, causeways, transmission lines and other structures over navigable waters of the United States, according to the Bureau of Air Commerce, Department of Commerce. Types of markings to be used are to be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce, while responsibility for installation and maintenance of the lights and signals is charged to owners or operators of the bridges or other structures.

The Corps of Engineers, War Department, which issues permits for all structures crossing navigable waters, has stipulated that if the display of lights and signals on any work authorized is not otherwise provided for by law, such lights and signals as may be prescribed by the Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the owner.

On this authority, the Department several years ago issued "Recommended Standards for Marking Obstructions to Air Navigation." Clothed with more direct and explicit authority and jurisdiction, the Bureau of Air Commerce now is studying the entire matter with the view to promulgating regulations to carry out the terms of the new law passed by the last Congress.

#### **Electra Makes 91 Trips in Month**

THE NEW Lockheed *Electra* passenger plane, placed in service June 1st on the Twin Cities-Chicago route by Northwest Airlines, Inc., flew the equivalent of one and one-fifth times around the world the first month of operation, according to Croil Hunter, vice-president and general manager of the airline.

The *Electra* made 91 one-way trips from June 1 to July 1, flying a total of 31,820 miles. The average passenger load for the ten-place plane was 8.5 persons.

The twin-motored airliner flew an average speed of 174 miles from takeoff to landing, while the average actual speed in the air was 192 miles an hour. The plane flew at an average altitude of 4,243 feet and consumed 4.2 gallons of gasoline per hour.

#### **Mail Manager Chosen**

C. W. H. SMITH has been appointed mail traffic manager for Eastern Air Lines, Inc., and will immediately take charge of air mail development under L. Edwin Gill, vice-president in charge of traffic.

Mr. Smith's work will include supervision of mail handling by airline employees at airports, contacting postmasters and Post Office Department officials regarding details of the company's work as a mail carrier, creating closer coordination of connecting schedules where possible and similar duties.

He has been employed in air transportation since April, 1926, when he joined Western Air Express as general traffic manager.

#### **Airline Ticket Office Opened**

EASTERN AIR Lines, Inc., has opened a city ticket office and waiting room in New Orleans, La. The office is located in the downtown section at 211 St. Charles St., adjacent to the St. Charles Hotel. Sam Wilkes, city traffic manager, makes it his headquarters.

Eastern Air Lines now has city ticket offices in New York, Washington, Jacksonville, Miami and Atlanta.

#### **Beacon Supply Base Established**

A SUPPLY depot for lighting equipment for the St. Louis-Tulsa lighted air route has been established at Springfield, Mo., where W. S. Kenyon is in charge of the work for the Department of Commerce.

Emergency landing fields are scheduled for about every 50 miles, each being about 125 acres, and equipped with a radio beacon and lighted boundaries. Neosho, Mo., is one point already selected. Revolving beacons are to be established every fifteen miles, and sites are being arranged for them.



# THE AIR SERVICES

## *Navy Force of 2100 Planes Sought*

THE NEXT Congress will be called upon to pass on a program now being prepared by Representative Vinson of the House Naval Committee in cooperation with the Navy Department calling for a new five-year naval air expansion plan.

The projected program will call for construction up to 2100 naval planes already authorized by Congress (but not appropriated), for development of the Philadelphia aircraft factory and an increase in the facilities of the Pensacola training station.

Mr. Vinson said a definite program was needed for the increase of the naval air force and that a large number of reserve planes are necessary for the aircraft carriers built and building.

## *Naval Air Station Improved*

THE SAND Point Naval Air Station, north of Seattle, will be of vastly improved service to this section as a result of new aerial defense plans for the Pacific Northwest now being carried out by the Navy. Rear Admiral Albert W. Johnson, commander of the aircraft base force, who was in Seattle recently with two squadrons of planes for maneuvers in Alaska, recommended stationing two squadrons permanently at the Point and said that with the improvements now completed there, the airplane carriers of the Navy will hereafter base their planes at Sand Point while in drydock at Bremerton.

## *St. Louis Unit in Maneuvers*

EIGHT PLANES of the United States Naval Reserve Air base, St. Louis, with Lieut. T. B. Williamson, base commander in charge, participated in the air maneuvers at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station last month, three of the ships remaining to participate in air gunnery and firing target practice. The three ships were commanded by Lieuts. F. E. Wells, John W. Geppert and Fred Fisher.

The squadron's flying equipment con-

sists of four Helldivers and Fledglings.

Lieut. Frank Welds is executive officer in charge of the division with headquarters at the Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport.

## **NAVY BALLOON WINS ELIMINATION RACE**

LIEUT. CHARLES H. Kendall and his aide Lieut. H. T. Orville won the privilege of participating in the Gordon Bennett Balloon Race at Warsaw, Poland, late this month when they piloted the Navy entry from Birmingham, Ala., to Commerce, Ga. (206.4 miles), to win first place in the National Elimination Balloon Races.

## *Army Planes Back from Alaska*

FOURTEEN OFFICERS and nineteen enlisted men landed ten bombers at Bolling Field, Washington to complete one of the greatest massed flights in the history of the Army Air Corps. The flight approximated 10,000 miles and was in the nature of a training and map taking expedition. The return flight included a 943-mile non-stop hop from Juneau to Seattle, while previously the planes had made a number of reconnaissance flights from Fairbanks.

## *Naval Aircraft Factory to Be Enlarged*

TO PERMIT construction of 10 per cent of the 1,184 planes needed to equip the treaty Navy authorized by the Vinson Bill, the Naval Aircraft Factory at Philadelphia will be enlarged, with \$2,700,000 going into the work.

Of the \$40,700,000 allocated to the Naval building program, \$5,500,000 will be used for the construction of 225 planes, representing the first year's increment in the five-year program.

The Bone amendment to the Vinson Bill directs that not less than 10 per cent of the aircraft, including their engines, must be constructed in government aircraft factories or other plants owned and operated by the government.

## *National Guardsmen at Ft. Riley*

SEVEN DOUGLAS observation ships of the 35th Division Aviation Missouri National Guard participated in the annual two weeks' encampment at Fort Riley, Kansas. Major Phil R. Love commanded the division which worked with the artillery units in adjusting artillery fire and in making aerial photographs.

The 35th division includes the 110th observation squadron, the 110th photo section and a medical detachment.

## *Army Ships at Dedication*

THE MISSOURI National Guard Air Squadron, with seven planes under command of Major Phil Love, flew to Nevada, Mo., recently for the dedication of the city's new 60-acre municipal airport, one of the first in the country to be finished by CWA labor. Brig. Gen. E. M. Stayton and Adj. Gen. Harold Brown also attended the exercises.

## *Foulois Asks 1000-Plane Program*

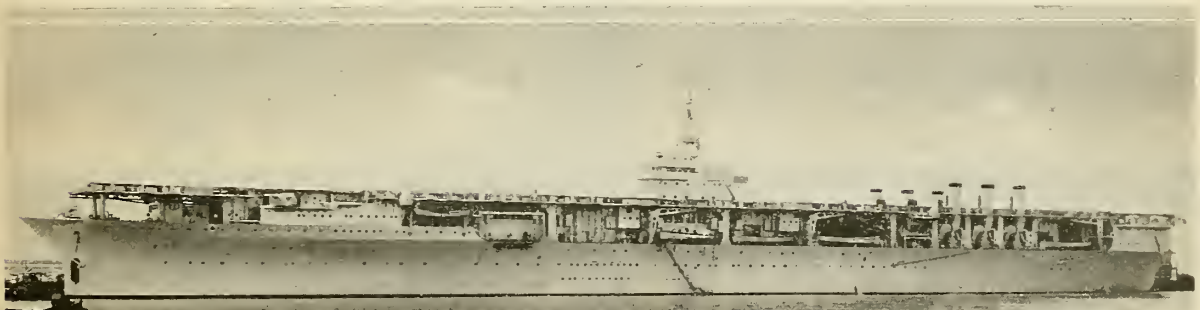
AIMED AT giving the U. S. Army Air Corps 2340 planes as recommended by the Baker Board, a 1936 program calling for the purchase of about 1000 planes has been submitted to the General Staff by Major Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois.

It is understood that the corps will concentrate on buying bombers, pursuit and attack planes, but it was pointed out that since the 1936 program was dependent upon Congressional appropriations, it was doubtful whether all the planes could be purchased during 1936.

Secretary of War Woodring has already sent out or prepared invitations for bids on about 450 planes to be purchased during the current fiscal year and in 1935 with appropriations already made.

## *Hensley Field Lease Renewed*

THE U. S. Army Air Corps lease on Hensley Field in Dallas has been renewed by the city council for another year, or until July 1, 1935. The field is one of the outstanding reserve officers' training centers in the country and particularly for the Eighth Corps Army area.



The U. S. S. Ranger, newest aircraft carrier, as she returned from one of her shakedown cruises in the Atlantic

## Roosevelt Students in Air Meet

TWELVE STUDENTS of the Roosevelt Aviation School participated in a competitive air meet at Roosevelt Field, Mineola, New York.

Two engraved trophies were awarded, one going to Thomas W. Feeney, who won the spot landing contest and the other going to A. Russell Kurt for winning the bomb dropping contest. Both winners flew Fleet planes.

Among the demonstrations on the program was an inverted flight and acrobatic exhibition by Al Williams.

## 38 New Students at Boeing

FOLLOWING THE closing of registration for the summer quarter at the Boeing School of Aeronautics, Municipal Airport, Oakland, Calif., it was disclosed that 38 students, representing 15 states and one territory of the Union began aeronautical training.

Previously, exercises for the 17th graduating class were held at the airport where the graduates were addressed by Prof. J. W. Miller of the University of Washington and R. D. Bedinger of the Department of Commerce.

## Parks Plans to Increase Tuition

EFFECTIVE October 2, 1934, costs of attending Parks Air College, E. St. Louis, Ill., will be increased from 10 to 20 per cent. The increasing price of materials, food and equipment was offered as the reason for the added cost of training.

Students are being offered an opportunity of enrolling previously to October 2, with no extra charge made after that date. A new regular term starts on October 1.

Only recently the school augmented its training equipment by buying two new Kinners and a Waco cabin job.

## 48 Students Enroll in Jones School

TOTAL ENROLLMENT in the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics reached more than 200 students when 48 new students signed up for attendance in new classes which will open the second of this month.

Of the new students, 28 will attend the day classes; 20 are night students. Eighteen have signed for the two-year engineering course.

According to Casey Jones, the enrollment is an increase of approximately 50 per cent over any previous month's figures and can be attributed in part to the opening of the school's new quarters.

## AVIATION COURSES GIVEN BY MILITARY CAMP

CAMP GREENBRIER, Inc., Alderson, West Virginia, conducted by the Bordentown Military Academy, Bordentown, New Jersey, has included the study of aviation in its operations this season. Arrangements have been made with the Rising Sun Aircraft School, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., to give a short course in autogiro mechanics with David McMenamin in charge.

## Ryan Students Graduated

STUDENTS WHO recently completed courses at the Ryan School of Aeronautics, San Diego, Calif., were awarded their diplomas, six of them in the transport category, two in the private classification, one in the amateur course and six in the mechanics course.

The school reports that since the beginning of the year, it has enjoyed one of its largest student enrollments.

## More Planes Added to Flight Department

A FORD model 5AT-D Pratt & Whitney Wasp-powered tri-motored transport and a Boeing 40-B Hornet-powered cargo plane have been added to the Boeing School of Aeronautics' fleet, making a total of 11 units operated by the Flight Department in pilot training.

Twenty hours of tri-motor flying as co-pilot and first pilot will now be given to Airline or Special Airline Pilot students. Transport pilots wishing to obtain a rating for multi-motored ships may arrange for check and first pilot time. Director of Flight George Myers and his assistant, LeRoy Gregg, have prepared a schedule for the tri-motor flight training.

The Boeing 40-B is equipped with all instruments and radio accessories needed to practice "blind" landings, following the newly-installed Bureau of Standards landing beam beacon located at Oakland Airport. Its use will be shared by Boeing students and the flying personnel of United's Oakland Division.

## School Plane Nears Completion

THE AERONAUTICAL University, Inc., Chicago, Ill., reports that the low-wing, two-place ship of new design they are building is nearing completion. It will be powered with a recently developed two-cycle engine of more than 100 h.p.

Bruce Smith, Dean of the Engineering Department, has charge of the design, and the entire engineering class has participated in the development and construction work.

At the Travel and Transport Building, in the Century of Progress Exposition, the school has taken space where it is displaying cutaway Wasp and other radial engines.

## New Courses Offered at Spartan

SPARTAN SCHOOL of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Okla., incorporated two distinct features in its Special Transport Course for those students who desire to become test pilots and also to those who contemplate becoming flight instructors. Both are included at no additional cost and are taken at the same time with the course.

With the opening of the fall term at the Oklahoma Military Academy, students enrolled in that school will have the opportunity to take aviation mechanics courses along with their regular academic subjects. This is made possible through the affiliation of the Academy with the Spartan School. Students will attend the aviation classes in the new hangar, recently completed at the Will Rogers Airport in Claremore.

## 83 Take Summer Air Courses

CURTISS-WRIGHT Technical Institute of Aeronautics, Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., has enrolled 23 high school teachers from various points in California who are taking special vocational teacher training courses. All of them report particularly heavy interest among their students in all branches of aeronautics—and their summer vocational training courses are expected to take ample care of the rapidly increasing demands being made on the high school faculties by the growing number of air-minded students.

The engineering class at the school has designed a small single-place airplane equipped with an Aeronca engine.

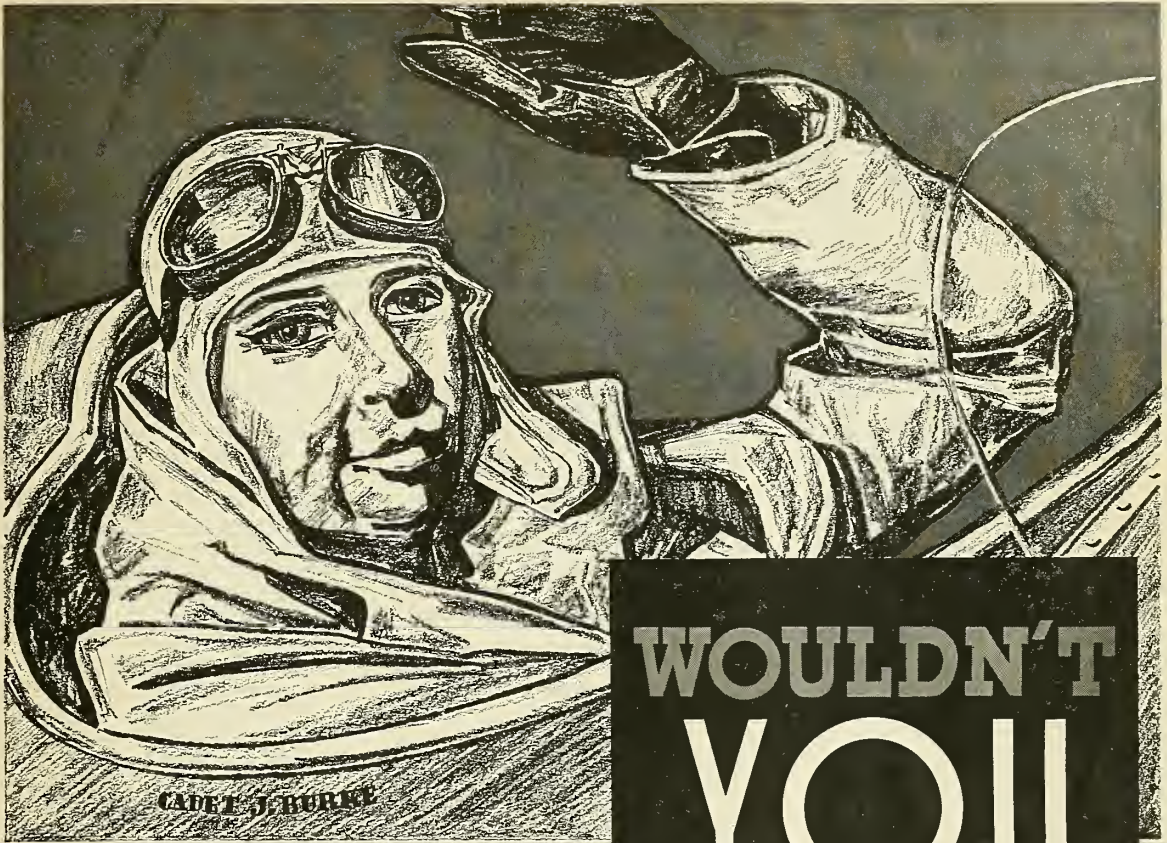
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# AT THE AIRPORTS

## 250 Michigan Cities Want Ports

WITH WORK drawing to a close on most of Michigan's 53 airport projects under the federal relief program, the State Board of Aeronautics is focusing attention on some 250 other Michigan communities which also want airports.

According to Floyd E. Evans, State Director of Aeronautics, work will be completed this fall on perhaps 45 out of the 53 current projects. Thirty of these projects are entirely new fields; the remainder are projects which include improvements in existing fields. As these are finished, new fields will be started to take their place on the program and at least 25 new projects will probably be started this fall.

Only about a half-dozen of the current airport projects will remain unfinished when winter arrives, including Lansing, Jackson and Flint, where in each case the development is extensive.

Five of the 53 current projects, have been completed at a total cost of about \$58,000, according to Evans. These are: Muskegon, Adrian, Sault Ste. Marie, Midland and Ishpeming.

Since CWA appropriations ended and the program transferred to the FERA, only four projects covering new fields have been added. They are at Negaunee, Hillsdale, Rogers City and Benton Harbor.

## Dallas Retains Bureaus

ANNOUNCEMENT HAS been made that both the Weather Bureau airport station and the Department of Commerce teletype radio communication headquarters will remain at Love Field, in Dallas, and not moved to Fort Worth as was first planned. Assurance of their retention by Dallas was given to Sen. Connally and Rep. Summers of Texas, chamber of commerce and city officials.

Seven men are employed at the weather bureau office and four in the teletype bureau. The services are maintained on a twenty-four hour basis and handle communications for the weather bureau and relay its reports by radio to planes and type forecasts to all ground stations on the teletype printer circuit. The forecasts are transmitted along the Federal airways to the next terminal point, and as far as Nashville, Brownsville, El Paso and Wichita.

## Utica Assured of Airport Funds

H. R. GRABURN, director of the Utica Work Bureau, has received assurance of a grant of \$10,000 from New York TERA officials for completion of the work at the local Municipal Airport.

Work on the airport, which will make it a first class landing field, was threat-

ened by lack of funds. The new grant, which will probably be in the form of 100 per cent reimbursement for materials, equipment and labor, is expected to carry the work through to completion with little or no delay.

## IDAHO TO HAVE 72 NEW AIRPORTS IN STATE

WITH THE completion of 32 projects now being constructed in Idaho by CWA workers, the state will have 72 landing fields, according to A. C. Blomgren, director of aeronautics. There are 40 landing fields in the state at present; five years ago, in 1929, there were only six. Many fields are also being widely improved.

## Government Bureaus at Glendale

GRAND CENTRAL Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., has recently been equipped with four United States government offices including a Custom House Branch, Immigration Bureau, Quarantine Station and Agriculture Inspection Service. All airlines now flying between the Los Angeles area and Mexican, Central or South American points, are using Grand Central and its multiple facilities.

Major C. C. Moseley, general manager, is pursuing a policy of "exclusive service" that many other airport executives are watching with interest. He is leasing space to only one branch of aviation at a time, thereby eliminating unfriendly competition.

An addition to the runway seems assured, since the City Council has almost committed itself to filling in the city dump at the southwest end of the airport so it may be added to the institution.

## E. A. L. To Base at Shushan

EASTERN AIR Lines, Inc., has contracted to use Shushan Airport at New Orleans, following the successful culmination of negotiations between G. R. Cushing and H. A. Elliott of the operating company and A. L. Shushan.

## El Dorado Port Nears Completion

WITH APPROXIMATELY \$12,000 already spent in improvements, El Dorado, Ark., is about to complete one of the finest airports in the state. Located in the southern outskirts of the city, a short distance from the corporate limits, it will have two 2,600-ft. runways, several small hangars, a pumping station and other necessary facilities.

## New Rental Plan at Columbus

A NEW plan for the leasing of space at Port Columbus has received tentative approval of the Columbus City Council. It calls for an increase in the annual rental paid by an airline company, \$1,000 being paid for hangar space and an extra charge for the handling of passengers and mail, the sum to be determined by the volume of business. Previously only a fixed charge was paid by the airline for its lease.

## Brandeweide Heads Airport Unit

LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS Airport Association, organized last year, started its second year with the reelection of old officers and a social meeting.

Officers are: president, G. J. Brandeweide; vice-president, W. Kratz and secretary-treasurer, A. W. League.

The airport association represents: Airlines Airport Ticket Office Ass'n., American Airlines, Brayton Airplane Sales Co., City of St. Louis, Curtiss-Wright Airplane Co., Independent Operators, Lambert Aircraft Corp., Robertson Airplane Service Co., St. Louis Flying Service, 35th Division Aviation Missouri National Guard, Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., United States Naval Reserve Air Base, Verlin Concessions, Pacific Seaboard Airlines, Bowen Airlines and Supply Division, Inc., all located at the field.

## New Airport Opened

GEORGETOWN, S. C., on the coast 60 miles north of Charleston, has just completed an airport on the edge of town at the city limits. This field has approximately 2,500 feet landing space available in any direction, is covered with Bermuda grass and is tile drained. There are no nearby obstructions.

A hangar is under construction and the field is marked with a 100-foot circle. Being at the edge of town, gas and oil and mechanical services are available. Georgetown has been used as a seaplane refueling base for a number of years and the completion of the airport makes available facilities for any type of aircraft.

## Distributor Unit Formed

FAIRCHILD AIRPLANE Sales Corp., has inaugurated a new set-up to take care of the increasing demand for its planes, to give better service to its users and to tend to their dealers in the New York, New Jersey and New England territory.

The company, which has taken space in Hangar C, Roosevelt Field, is headed by Manola Weichers while active operation will be directed by Beckwith Havens and Richard H. Depew, Jr.

### Cord Products Station Opens

EASTERN SALES and service headquarters for Stinson aircraft, Smith propellers and Lycoming engines have been established in Hangar 17, Roosevelt Field, Mineola, N. Y., by Barb-At Sales, Inc., a new corporation.

The company has taken over the Stinson sales contract of Atwell Sales Company and will establish a well-equipped shop for the service of Stinson aircraft as well as Smith controllable-pitch propellers and Lycoming engines, all products of subsidiary companies of the Cord Corporation.

Executives include George Atwell, Jr., and R. J. Barbin, with Jack Connelly in the sales department and Herman Cohen in the service shop.

### Missouri Airport Dedicated

A TWO-DAY dedication of the airport at Koshkonong, Mo., was held at Brock Field with the show sponsored by the local American Legion Post. The feature of the dedication was a visit by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce Aerocade on its annual good will tour, which remained throughout the dedication ceremony and celebration.

The field is named in honor of Dr. John D. Brock, sportsman pilot of Kansas City, who is making a flight a day and who hopes to continue until at least five years have elapsed.

### Aerial Photography Unit Formed

PACIFIC AERIAL Surveys, Inc., has been formed and incorporated at Seattle, Wash., with a capitalization of \$5,000. It will engage commercially in aerial photography. Incorporators are Knute S. Nelson, Floyd H. Backeberg, and Clifford E. Hoof.

### Stinson Reliant Purchased

JACK WHITNEY has just purchased, for his own use, a 1934 model Stinson Reliant. This ship has been fully equipped with all the latest instruments together with radio and special facilities for aerial photography, and will be used for charter work and photographic trips. Whitney is located in the Roweka Hangar, Roosevelt Field, Mineola, N. Y.

### Wind Storm Causes \$2500 Loss

DAMAGE in excess of \$2500 was done to hangars, planes and gliders at the Bendix Municipal Airport, South

Bend, Indiana, by a wind storm which carried away the front of the Stockert Flying Service hangar.

Although the maximum wind velocity did not exceed 58 miles, the one hangar of the four caught the full force of the wind on its closed door. They were forced in and loosened from the tracks and the doors and a portion of the roof fell on stored ships, damaging them.

### MICHIGAN BARNSTORMERS FIND BUSINESS GOOD

AFTER SEVERAL years of lean going Michigan's barnstorming flyers apparently are finding business improving. During the past few weeks the State Board of Aeronautics has granted at least 25 permits to commercial pilots allowing them to carry passengers from temporary fields.

### Nashville Port Site Recommended

PROPOSERS OF erecting an airport near the home of Andrew Jackson, ex-president, at Nashville, Tenn., have acceded to the wishes of the Historical Association of the Hermitage Association and local city officials have agreed to recommend a 340-acre site on the Murfreesboro Road, six miles from town.

Sky Harbor, the present field, is 26 miles away and a site closer to the center of the town is being sought.

### Air Show Features Dedication

THE NEW Minor Stewart Airport on Alameda Road, Houston, Tex., was dedicated recently when an air show, under the supervision of Hugh Thomasson, attracted thousands of spectators to the new project.

Included in the program was a number of speed races, stunting and precision contests.

### Beautification Program Sought

TWA, American Airlines, Central Airways of Mexico and the Varney Speed Lines are endeavoring to have the City Council of Glendale, California, develop the territory surrounding the Grand Central Air Terminal into the equivalent of a park. Numerous citizens of Glendale are behind the proposal to beautify the surrounding streets with palms, flowers, and some are suggesting restrictions requiring only Spanish type architecture.

### Pacific Airmotive Sales Increase

WITH UNFILLED orders on hand in excess of \$100,000 and an 82 per cent gain in gross sales for the first six months of 1934, Pacific Airmotive Corporation, Ltd., Union Air Terminal, Burbank and Oakland Airport, Oakland, Calif., reported the busiest half-year in its history.

According to W. E. Thomas, president and treasurer, sales totaled \$253,777 as against \$139,758 for the corresponding period last year, a gain of \$114,019.

This stimulation in business may be attributed to the heavy transport plane building program of such manufacturers as Douglas, Northrop and Lockheed which draw on Pacific Airmotive for many accessories required in the completed plane.

On July 24, sales touched \$303,093.34, a figure that exceeded total sales for the entire year of 1933, which registered a volume of \$282,365.09.

Net profit for the first six months after all reserves had been taken care of, including reserve for Federal taxes, was \$6,692.52, as compared with a loss last year for this period of \$5,952.55.

### Dealer Sells Six New Ships

TEXAS FAIRCHILD Sales Corp., distributors for Fairchild aircraft with offices at the Houston Municipal Airport, has in the two months since it received its franchise, sold six new planes, including three cabin and three Gypsy-powered 22's.

According to R. E. McKaughan, the company also offers student instruction and 24-hour charter service.

### Seaplane Company Organized

PEWAUKEE SEAPLANE Base, Inc., has announced the establishment of their new base in the village of Pewaukee, Wis., where the organization is offering student instruction, passenger flights and charter service. The concern also handles Aeronca seaplane sales.

### French Island Port Gets Aid

THE LA CROSSE County Board has voted an appropriation not to exceed \$5,000, to complete the county airport on French Island, Wis. Under the set-up the government, through the PWA, is providing \$9,850 for materials and equipment, while the state relief administration has set up approximately \$28,000 for labor.



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# THE INDUSTRY IN GENERAL

## More Planes Being Produced

ACCORDING TO reports just issued by the Bureau of Air Commerce, aircraft manufacturing in the United States is on the upgrade and definite advances in business have been made this year compared to 1933.

Seven hundred forty-eight airplanes were manufactured in the United States during the first half of this year. Three hundred seventy-four were for domestic civil use, 264 for military delivery and 110 for export. In the first six months of 1933 the number of airplanes produced was 673, of which 310 were for domestic civil use, 212 for military delivery and 151 for export.

The greatest monthly production was during June when 196 were manufactured as against 96 for January. Aircraft construction for domestic civil use numbered 24 in January while in June this figure had grown to 113.

The 374 airplanes built for domestic civil use during the first six months of this year included 273 monoplanes and 101 biplanes. Of the monoplanes, 122 were open cockpit and 151 were cabin types. The biplanes included 29 open cockpit and 72 cabin aircraft.

Aircraft production figures in this report are based on a record of Department of Commerce licenses, identification marks issued for unlicensed airplanes and reports as to military deliveries and export production for aircraft manufactured during the first half of 1934. There is a possibility, however, that there still may be a few aircraft which were manufactured during the period for which licenses or identification marks have not yet been sought.

## Pure Oil Operates Three Planes

WITH JIMMY MATTERN continuing his tour of the country in a new Bellanca for the Pure Oil Co. as World's Fair ambassador, Major D. H. Young piloting a Waco cabin and the Fokker

"Voice of the Sky" ready for its 32-state trip, the company is well represented in the air.

The Fokker is being used to advertise the company's products by means of messages from the air; Major Young is utilizing the Waco for making tests, research and development of aviation fuel.

## WACOS TO BE MADE BY CANADIAN COMPANY

MANUFACTURING RIGHTS for the production of its aircraft in Canada have been granted by the Waco Airplane Co. to W. J. Sanderson, who has established a factory at Fort Erie, Ontario. The first Canadian-assembled cabin job was purchased by the Imperial Tobacco Company, Ltd.

## State Officials Meet at Cheyenne

THE NATIONAL Association of State Aviation Officials is to hold its fourth annual meeting at the Plains Hotel, Cheyenne, Wyo., September 27-29 inclusive. The program has been prepared to provide for an exchange of ideas between representatives of the federal and state governments and those of the industry and general public.

The morning session of the first day will be taken up with preliminary details, but during the afternoon and evening, talks and discussions will predominate the action. The federal airport development program will be discussed while George B. Logan and Richard S. Boutelle, respectively, will talk on aeronautical law and the coordination of state and federal control of aeronautics. On the following days talks will be delivered by Elwood B. Cole, Floyd E. Evans, Rex Martin, R. W. Schroeder, D. R. Brimhall, James H. Doolittle and E. Smythe Gambrell.

A banquet will bring the meeting to a close on the evening of the 29th.

## Ryan S-T Gets A.T.C.

A DEPARTMENT of Commerce approved type certificate has been granted the Ryan Aeronautical Co., San Diego, Calif., on its Ryan S-T monoplane powered with either the 95 or the 125 h.p., Menasco engine. This new plane, described fully in the July issue of AERO DIGEST, is an all-metal fuselage ship credited with a cruising speed of 120 m.p.h., and a top speed of 142 m.p.h., with the 95 h.p., installation and a cruising speed of 132 m.p.h., or 152 m.p.h., with full throttle on the 125 h.p., engine.

Immediate production schedules on the new ship are being rushed.

Following approval of the plane, the sales department sold two ships and announced an influx of daily inquiries that would undoubtedly absorb the entire output of the plant for several months.

Warren Worcester, San Diego, purchased one plane while Peter Dana, transport pilot of Holderness, N. H., purchased the other.

## Five New Northrops Ordered

FOLLOWING COMPLETION of flight tests of the new Executive model at the factory of the Northrop Aircraft Corp., in Inglewood, Calif., it was revealed that orders for five of these planes have been received.

In tests the Executive attained a top speed of 220 m.p.h., at 5000 feet, while at 75 per cent of the available horsepower, the plane cruised at 200 m.p.h. The interior of the plane is equipped with four chairs and a couch along the right side and is finished in red and tan leather. Featured are complete soundproofing, double ventilation and dual controls. The cockpit is separated from the cabin.

Additional equipment includes hydraulic brakes, electric flap control and retractable landing lights. A controllable-pitch propeller is attached to either a 750 horsepower Wright Cyclone or Pratt & Whitney engine.



715 h.p. Wright Cyclone-powered Executive model recently introduced by the Northrop Company

## June Exports Total \$894,655

EXPORTS OF aeronautical equipment from the United States in June, 1934, were slightly higher than the preceding month, \$894,655 being realized from the sale of aircraft, engines, parts and accessories in foreign countries.

Planes (23) and engines (44) valued at \$466,785 and \$229,739 respectively, account for the bulk of the value of the shipments. Sales of parachutes amounted to \$4,319 and parts and accessories brought \$193,812. In May, 33 airplanes and 30 engines were exported.

German importers bought more from us than any other country during June, spending \$271,816; Russia spent the next largest amount, \$109,806 while China and Peru made imports amounting to \$108,857 and \$89,188 respectively. Germany

also spent the largest amount for aircraft, \$187,110; Russia for engines, \$81,280; Portugal for parachutes, \$4,235 and Colombia for parts and accessories (except tires) \$53,951.

American aircraft were purchased in the other following countries: Mexico (5), Guatemala (4), Peru (3), China (2) and one each in Argentina, France and Sweden.

### New Stinsons Delivered

THREE NEW Stinson planes have been delivered to Long & Harmon in Dallas to be used on the Amarillo-Gulf route of air mail flying which this concern was successful in bidding for. Major William F. Long went to Michigan to accept the ships. A fleet of five planes is used on the route.

### Kindelberger Heads General Aviation

JAMES H. KINDELBERGER has been elected president of the General Aviation Manufacturing Corp., Baltimore, Md., subsidiary of North American Aviation, Inc.

Kindelberger, who is a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, spent several years with the Army Air Service, and since that time has been associated, in an engineering capacity, with the Glenn L. Martin Co., and for the past several years with Douglas Aircraft Co.

### Manufacturer Incorporated

AVA AIRCRAFT Corp., of Houston, Texas, has been incorporated to manufacture aircraft. Incorporators are Dewey Bonebrake, W. T. Sinclair and George R. Morgan.

## Digest of Recent Events

### Hirth Sets New Glider Record

A NEW record for sustained glider flight was claimed by Wolf Hirth who sailed from Wasserkuppe to a point near Goerlitz, a distance of 223.5 miles. If this mark is homologated, it will surpass the recently accepted record of 155 miles made by Richard duPont at the Elmira meet. Hirth was flying his Moazatfötl glider and took more than six hours for the trip. JULY 27.

### Stratosphere Ship Almost Reaches Record

THE EXPLORER, the stratosphere balloon flown by Capt. Albert W. Stevens and Major William E. Kepner in their attempt to penetrate the stratosphere for scientific research, reached an altitude of 60,613 feet before it was forced down by a tear in the bag. The official stratosphere flight record is 61,236 feet made by Lieut. Comdr. T. G. W. Settle and Major Chester Fordney. Despite the great height from which the gondola fell and despite the fact that the gondola was totally destroyed, many of the records made by the instruments and many of the films exposed in the stratosphere, were salvaged. JULY 31.

### Woman Ascends to New Record Height

MRS. CECIL W. Kenyon, Boston's outstanding aviatrix landed at the East Boston Municipal Airport with an unofficial New England woman's altitude record of 17,500 feet. Mrs. Kenyon flew a Waco plane. AUG. 1.

### French-Argentine Mail Flown to New Record

HALVING THE time formerly required to fly the mail between Paris and Buenos Aires, a French Aeropostale plane ar-

rived in Buenos Aires 3½ days after the mails had been put aboard at Paris. Argentine mail which left Buenos Aires Saturday morning arrived in Paris Wednesday afternoon, another record for the flight which was made in the Southern Cross and Rainbow planes. Formerly, fast dispatch boats of the French Navy made the sea trip, but with these new planes, the crossing is made entirely by air. AUG. 1.

### Glider Train Makes Successful Trip

THE FIRST aerial mail glider train completed its flight from New York when the last of three gliders, towed by plane, landed in Potomac Park, Washington, D. C. The

first glider landed at Philadelphia, where the train was delayed because of weather. The second lap was to Baltimore where the second glider cut loose. The pilot of the Waco was Elwood Kein and the glider pilots were Jack O'Meara, Stanley Smith and R. A. Franklin. Special loads of mail were carried. AUG. 3.

### Claims Speed Mark For Women Flyers

CLAIMING TO have traveled faster than any other woman in an airplane, Helene Boucher, French aviatrix, did 276.063 miles an hour over a 1,000-kilometer course at Istres, France. The previous record for the distance was held by May Haizlip, who

established it on Sept. 5, 1932. Mlle. Boucher also holds the world's altitude record for women at 19,357 feet. AUG. 8.

### First Canada-England Flight Is Completed

ALTHOUGH FAILING to reach Baghdad and break the world's long distance flight record, James Ayling and Leonard Reid did make the first Canada-England hop when they left Wagsa Beach, Ontario, and after flying across the Atlantic landed at Heston airfield in Middlesex. They had covered 3,500 miles in 30 hours 51 minutes, considerably short of the 5,657.6-mile record held by Rossi and Codos. Ayling and Reid flew a twin-engined Moth, the same plane built for James and Amy Mollinson to fly across the Atlantic but it was renamed the Trail of the Caribou instead of the Seafarer. AUG. 9.

## Coming Events

### Polish Tour

International Touring Challenge of the Polish Aero Club. AUG. 28-SEPT. 16.

### National Air Races

1934 National Air Races, sponsored by National Air Races of Cleveland, Inc., and under the management of Clifford and Philip Henderson, 103 Terminal Tower Bldg., Cleveland. To be held at Cleveland Municipal Airport. AUG. 31-SEPT. 3.

### State Air Meet

Annual All State Air Meet of West Virginia. Jackson's Mill, Weston, W. Va. SEPT. 1-3.

### European Circuit

Circuit of Europe flight and speed contest. Challenge de Tourisme International, Warsaw, Poland. SEPT. 7-16.

### Regional Meet

Second Annual Buffalo Air

Races. Buffalo Municipal Airport, Buffalo, New York. Speed races and exhibition flying. SEPT. 8-9.

### Air Derby

Southern Wisconsin Air Derby. Sponsored by Myron C. West Post, American Legion, Beloit, Wis. SEPT. 8-9.

### Air Tour

Sixth Indiana Air Tour. Herbert O. Fisher, director of Aeronautics, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Indianapolis, Ind. SEPT. 10-16.

### Oklahoma Tour

Second 1934 Oklahoma Air Tour. Sponsored by Oklahoma City Aviation Club. SEPT. 15-16.

### Gliding Contest

Gliding and Soaring Contest, Big Meadows, Shenandoah National Park, Va. SEPT. 15-30.

### Bennett Balloon Races

Gordon Bennett Balloon Race. Auspices of Polish Aero Club, Warsaw, Poland. SEPT. 20.

### Women Engineers Meet

Twelfth Annual Conference of Women Engineers and flying garden party. Norfolk and Norwich Aero Club, Norwich, England. SEPT. 21-22.

### State Officials' Meeting

Fourth Annual Meeting, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Cheyenne, Wyo. SEPT. 27-29.

### MacRobertson Race

London-Melbourne International Air Race. Speed and handicap event. Under regulations of F.A.I. and competition rules of Royal Aero Club. Sponsored by Sir MacPherson Robertson. OCT. 20.

### Air Show

Fourteenth International Aero Salon, Paris, France. NOV. 16-DEC. 2.

### *Aero Inspectors Transferred*

M. F. CLARK, inspector for the Aeronautics Branch, Department of Commerce, who has been stationed at Little Rock, Ark., since September, has gone to Houston, Tex., where he has been transferred. Asbury Meadows of Hot Springs, Ark., a former commander of the 154th observation squadron, Arkansas National Guard, who has been stationed at Houston for the last eight months, has been assigned to Little Rock to succeed Mr. Clark. Mr. Meadows served in the World War as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, he helped to organize the Observation Squadron in 1925, was

in charge during its activities during the flood of 1927, and resigned in 1928. Later he served as an airline pilot, before he became connected with the Department of Commerce.

### *Standard Oil Buys Two Monocoupes*

AIRCRAFT UTILITIES Co., located at Newark Airport, N. J., has just sold two 98 de luxe Monocoupes to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

These planes will be painted in the company's colors with the fuselage in red and the wings in silver. The familiar eagle will also appear on the ships.

Charlie Sherman is general manager of the Aircraft Utilities Company.

### *Restrict Aircraft Owned by Aliens*

FOREIGN VISITORS to the United States who are owners of airplanes will be privileged to obtain limited aircraft registration from the Bureau of Air Commerce, Department of Commerce, according to Eugene L. Vidal, Director of Air Commerce, who said that the special licenses issued in such cases would not be valid for interstate or foreign commercial operations.

Limited registration for aircraft owned by aliens was authorized to permit visitors from abroad to purchase aircraft in the United States and tour the country or otherwise engage in private flying. It does not affect foreign aircraft visiting in this country, as these craft operate under their foreign registry after special permission has been obtained for the owners by their governments. However, a foreign aircraft can be brought to this country and licensed here, provided it meets the airworthiness requirements of the United States Department of Commerce.

### *Aldrin in Europe*

MAJOR E. E. ALDRIN, head of the aviation department of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is now in Europe where he is working on a number of projects.

He is coordinating the overseas interests of the Stanavo Specification Board and the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey as well as representing the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce at the International Air Traffic Association conference at the Hague.

In addition to visiting various airports and witnessing some aerial events, Major Aldrin is supervising arrangements for supplying fuels and lubricants for entrants in the MacRobertson Air Races.

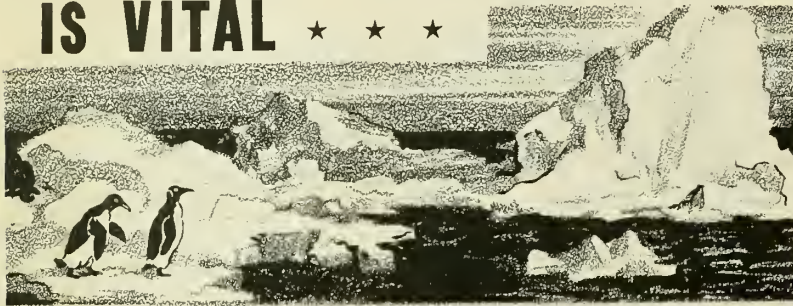
### *Three Fairchild's Sold for Export*

WHILE THE Fairchild factory at Hagerstown, Md., is busily engaged in producing aircraft for domestic use, a number of 22's and 24's have been sold for export, the deals for three being completed in the past month.

Dr. Vance Murray, medical director for the Alaskan Indian Territory who has his office in Juneau, Alaska, has purchased a 24 cabin plane for covering the vast territory under his supervision. Special equipment has been installed in the plane, including cabin heaters and devices to facilitate cold weather starting. Since most of Dr. Murray's flying will be done over snow, skis have been added to the plane's equipment.

Tri-American Aviation, Inc., sold a 3-place cabin job to Carlos E. Martin of Rosario, Argentina, while Donald C. Kneedler of Manila, P. I., took delivery on another cabin job, the third Fairchild he has purchased in the past year.

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### United Reports Deficit

UNITED AIRCRAFT & Transport Corporation reports consolidated net loss of \$1,267,536.06 for the quarter ended June 30, 1934, or a total consolidated net loss of \$1,978,925.81 for the six months ended that date.

During the six months' period, the net loss for the transport companies amounted to approximately \$1,508,000, due principally to the loss of air mail revenue for the period dating from the annulment of the air mail contracts in February, to the commencement of operations in May under temporary contracts, revenue under which is lower than formerly. These contracts were renewed August 8 for an additional nine months.

For the six months, the western manufacturing companies show a net loss of approximately \$631,000, due principally to the resulting loss of cost over selling price in connection with the deliveries made during the period by the Boeing Airplane Company on an Army aircraft contract.

The eastern manufacturing group shows a net profit of approximately \$160,000 for the same period. The results of this group were adversely affected by the strike from April 10 to May 21 at the plant of The Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company, in Hartford, Conn., which compelled the shutdown of operations during that period. The net profit or loss for the period of the three groups as stated includes a deduction covering the net operating expenses of the parent company, which expenses were higher during the period than usual due to extraordinary expenses occasioned under the Plan of Reorganization.

Unfilled orders on hand on June 30, 1934, amount to approximately \$1,431,000 for the airplane companies in the western manufacturing group, \$1,327,000 for the airplane companies in the eastern manufacturing and \$4,919,851 for the engine and propeller companies.

### Boeing 247-D's in Tests

THE FIRST of the Boeing Airplane Company's new Model 247-D transport planes, equipped with geared Pratt & Whitney Wasp engines and three-bladed Hamilton Standard controllable-pitch propellers began taking to the air late last month. Twelve of the high-speed planes have been completed for delivery to United Air Lines and for sale to other air transport operators.

The first of the Model 247-D's to receive the new engines is to go to Germany as the third Boeing transport to be delivered to Deutsche Luft Hansa, while others are being delivered to United Air Lines as fast as they can be tested and flown away.

Complete performance figures on the

Model 247-D have not yet been announced but it has been definitely determined that the plane will be considerably faster than its predecessor, the Model 247. It also will embody a number of improvements in the nature of sound-proofing, heating and ventilating facilities.

### New Requirements Effective Oct. 1

A REVISED edition of the Department of Commerce Airworthiness Requirements for Aircraft will become effective October 1, 1934. The new regulations were to have been promulgated as of August 1, but a delay in printing has made it necessary to postpone the effective date.

Aeronautics Bulletin No. 7-A, in which are set forth the actual airworthiness requirements, hereafter will have as a companion publication, Aeronautics Bulletin No. 26, *Design Information for Aircraft*. Every effort will be made to have copies of both bulletins available for distribution to the industry sufficiently in advance of the effective date so that the manufacturers can become familiar with the revised requirements before they are placed in effect.

### Flyabout Distributor Appointed

HARRY A. HAMMILL, Hangar 9, Love Field, Dallas, Tex., has signed a distributor's contract for the State of Texas, Southern Oklahoma and part of Mexico with Porterfield Aircraft Corp., Kansas City, Mo.

The Flyabout has a top speed of 115 miles per hour and a cruising speed of 100 miles per hour on four gallons of gasoline or 25 miles to a gallon.

### Detroit Manufacturers Optimistic

AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY in the Detroit area has been increasing considerably and manufacturers in that territory are reporting greater progress and more business than at any time in some years.

Lawson Faunce, vice-president of Warner Aircraft Engine Corp., said his business had increased nearly 100 per cent over last year and that indications point to a continuation of this progress. Ray Long, sales manager of the aviation division of Continental Motors, was also optimistic about conditions and reported renewed activity in development work and a 50 per cent increase in business.

It was also reported that the Detroit Aircraft Corp., has been reorganized and expects to develop a new plane in the near future.

### Company Incorporated

SHIFFLETT AIRWAYS, Inc., has been granted a charter by the Secretary of State of Oklahoma to operate in Mangum. Incorporators are Ray Shifflett, Eugene Swank and Alvin Kindel. Authorized capital stock is \$25,000.



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### Three-Place Planes Most Numerous

ACCORDING TO Department of Commerce license and identification records, three-seater airplanes are more numerous among civil aircraft in the United States than craft of any other capacity. Two-seater types occupy second place in this respect.

On June 1 there were 3,873 three-place, 2,445 two-place, 816 four-place, 700 one-place and 44 airplanes capable of carrying 16 or more persons, including crew.

These facts appear in a study made by the Aeronautics Branch of the age, weight, number of engines, horsepower and seating capacity of aircraft which its records show are bearing licenses or identification numbers as of June 1, 1934.

Single-engined planes outnumbered multi-engined aircraft 8,451 to 309. However, multi-engined designs lead in proportion licensed, for nearly all hold licenses. About one-fourth of the single-engined airplanes have been assigned identification numbers only.

Of the aircraft in service June 1, the majority were manufactured in 1929, 1930 and 1931. Aircraft manufactured in 1929, totaling 2,593, comprise the largest group. About 200 of the planes were found to have been manufactured in 1926 or prior thereto, and more than 4,000 were found to be powered with engines of 90 horsepower and under.

### Kendall Gets New Sales Manager

T. O. GRISELL, formerly executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, has been appointed to the position of sales manager of the Kendall Refining Co., filling the post held by I. H. Shearer, who has resigned. Mr. Grisell will assume his new duties Oct. 1.

### Four Lockheed Planes Sold

ADDITIONAL ORDERS for aircraft have been reported by Carl B. Squier, vice-president, Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, Calif.

Within thirty days of the receipt of their first Electra, Northwest Airlines exercised an option for two similar ships and placed an order for two more, giving a total of five. Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, Okla., has also purchased an

Electra as has Santa Maria Air Lines of Santa Maria, Calif. Both of these later ships will be used for executive transportation.

A standard 7-place Vega powered by a Pratt & Whitney Wasp SC-1 has been ordered by W. P. Fuller, Sr., president of W. P. Fuller & Co., San Francisco. Equipment in the Vega will include a Westport radio receiver and intercommunication set for conversation between passengers and pilot. Fred Hammer is pilot for the Fuller company.

## EIGHT RECORDS BROKEN BY BRAZILIAN CLIPPER

AMERICA NOW holds eight transport seaplane flight records as a result of the final test flight of the Pan American Sikorsky S-42 "Brazilian Clipper." The plane flew 1,242.8 miles at an average speed of 157.5 m.p.h., with a full load at cruising speed in making the new records. The Clipper also owns two other records, both for carrying payloads to altitudes. The plane only used 69 per cent of the total horsepower available in the P. & W. Hornet engines which were using Stanavo Octane 87 fuel.

### Aviation Corp. Loses \$1,144,634

CONSOLIDATED NET loss of the Aviation Corporation and its subsidiary companies for the six-month period of the current fiscal year ended June 30, 1934 was \$1,144,634. This compares with a profit of \$321,057 for the same period of 1933.

Mail revenue for the six months' period of 1934 was \$719,709, as compared with \$2,666,515 in the 1933 period.

Passenger revenue for the six months' period of 1934 was \$748,336 against \$805,022 in the 1933 period.

Total transportation revenue in the first six months of 1934 was \$1,530,137 as compared with \$3,523,261 for last year.

Revenue miles flown were 3,970,916 against 5,838,367. The number of revenue passengers carried was 42,909 for the period just past as compared with 48,506 for the period.

### Department Gets Chute Authority

SPECIFIC authority to pass on the airworthiness of parachutes has been extended to the Department of Commerce, as the result of an amendment to the Air Commerce Act of 1926.

Regulations respecting the manufacture, packing and repairing of parachutes previously have been promulgated on the basis of general provisions of the Air Commerce Act, directing the Secretary of Commerce to regulate air commerce, and the recent amendment makes these instructions specific with respect to parachutes. As amended, the Air Commerce Act directs the Secretary to "provide for the rating of aircraft of the United States and parachutes used in connection with such aircraft, as to their airworthiness," and in addition adds to the definition of the word airman by specifying that the person who inspects, overhauls or repairs parachutes is in this category, together with pilots and airplane and engine mechanics.

### Evans Joins British Firm

STANLEY H. EVANS, formerly Dean of the Engineering School in the Curtiss - Wright Technical Institute, Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., has returned to England to assume charge of the airplane division in a newly organized British manufacturing plant. Evans was in charge of the Curtiss-Wright Institution for more than three years and is being succeeded by C. E. Stryker, authority on metal construction.

### Applicants to Pay Hearing Costs

AN APPLICANT for public hearing on denial, revocation or suspension of a license or other certificate issued by the Bureau of Air Commerce of the Department of Commerce will be charged for part of the expense of such hearing if the evidence is insufficient to bring about a reversal of the Department's original decision in the case, according to Eugene L. Vidal, Director of Air Commerce.

The portion of the costs to be borne by the applicant will be determined by the Secretary of Commerce, and the applicant may be required to furnish bond covering all such costs before the matter is heard, if the Secretary so directs. Heretofore the Federal Government has met the expenses of such hearings.

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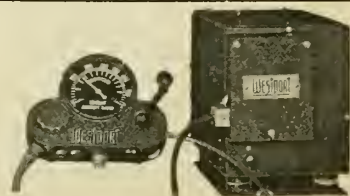
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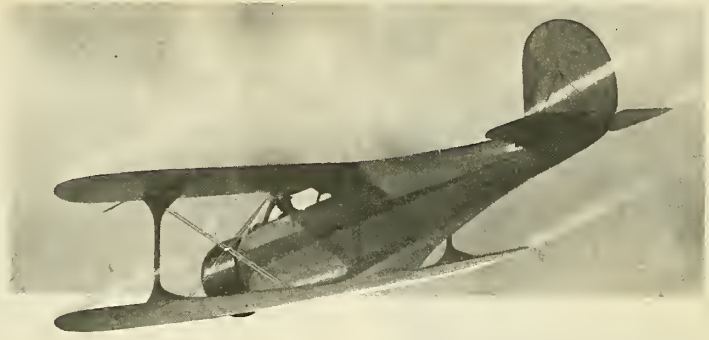
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# TRADE LITERATURE

## United Air Logs

• ELABORATE AND detailed air logs have been prepared and published by United Air Lines for passengers traveling over various divisions of the company's nation-wide network. Four different logs, covering the New York-Chicago, Chicago-Pacific Coast, Seattle-San Diego and Portland-Salt Lake City airways, have been issued and placed on company planes. In book form, all are of twelve pages with the exception of the Portland-Salt Lake City map, which is covered in eight pages.

Printed in color, maps similar in detail to air corps strip maps show sections of the divisions, accurately depicting the course of flight and revealing topographical features, highways, railroads, rivers and other distinguishing marks along the routes being flown.

An eight-page booklet presenting interesting features of airplane construction, air transport operation and air passenger traffic, has been produced by the company for distribution to prospective air travelers. The booklet is designed to provide information on aviation in an interesting manner, so that persons unfamiliar with air transport service will be attracted to it. National distribution of the book is now being made by traffic representatives of United Air Lines.

## Aerial Cameras and Accessories

• A NEW catalog of the Fairchild line of aerial cameras and accessories has just been published by the Fairchild Aerial Camera Corp., Woodside, N. Y. It contains more than 150 pages of detailed information on aerial cameras and their application to all commercial and military uses including general utility, vertical mapping, oblique photography, military intelligence and special purposes.

There are more than 200 illustrations including reproductions of many unusual and interesting photographs taken with Fairchild cameras.

Copies are available upon request to officials of aircraft companies and commercial aerial photographic organizations as well as to ranking officers of military organizations. To all others there is a charge of \$4.00 per copy.

## Welders and Welds

• THE PURPOSE of "The Testing and Qualification of Welders," a 24-page illustrated booklet, is to outline simple tests for measuring the ability of welders, the first of the six essential steps in every procedure control for oxy-acetylene welding.

It is pointed out that welding technique differs somewhat with the materials to be

welded and with the type of joint used, so that it cannot be assumed that a man who can weld excellent joints in aircraft tubing can also do as well on 20-in. steel pipe. Separate sections of the book discuss in detail the fracture test, the bend test, the tensile test, and the observation test. To round out the booklet, a summary of existing and pending qualification tests for welding steel plate and pipe are given. This includes: the A. S. M. E. Unifired Pressure Vessel Code for both Class 2 and Class 3 welded constructions, the A. S. A. Pressure Piping Code (unofficial) and the specifications and standards covering welding of steel and wrought iron pipe of the Heating and Piping Contractors National Association.

Linde Air Products Co., New York, N. Y., are the publishers.

## Fabricating Stainless Steel

• A COMPREHENSIVE guide to the fabrication of stainless clad steel has just been issued by the Ingersoll Steel and Disc Co., Chicago (division of the Borg-Warner Corp.). This 16-page booklet, entitled "Manual of Welding and Fabricating Procedures for IngAclad Stainless Clad Steel," takes up the various methods of welding, soldering, lock seaming, riveting, deep drawing, pickling, heat treating, etc., encountered in fabricating products of stainless clad steel.

A feature is an illustrated section showing actual installations and applications of IngAclad in a wide range of industries. Other sections of this booklet are devoted to a description of the method of producing IngAclad by the original welded-in-the-ingot process, the physical properties of the clad material, etc. The Manual contains many interesting diagrams.

## Sundry Cabinets

• A FOUR-page folder describing a most complete line of cabinets and service shop accessories has been issued by W. C. Heller & Co., Montpelier, Ohio. Beside listing twenty different advantages of Heller cabinets, the folder contains illustrations, dimensions, construction and prices of various cabinets, kits, cabinet parts, tool racks and display cases.

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# FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

## Australasia

TWO FOUR-ENGINEED 12-passenger airliners have been ordered by Tasmanian Aerial Services for its Launceston-Melbourne service. The first of the ships is expected to be delivered some time this month when it will be used to assist in transporting the increasing traffic anticipated during the Melbourne Centenary Celebration.

A NEW service between Sydney, Bathurst and Orange may be opened by Kingsford-Smith Airways, Ltd., following a request to the Dominion officials for a certificate to operate and upon completion of arrangements being made for the inspection and licensing of the airports along the route. The *Southern Cross*, which has been arranged to carry 12 passengers, may be used.

AS SOON as the supply of air mail stamps in India is consumed, no more will be issued. It is announced that it is impossible to keep a separate account of air fees on the basis of sale proceeds of air mail stamps.

## France

SUBSIDIES FOR pilot licenses are again being granted this year, with approximately \$100 going to those who secure a pilot's license. The only restriction made is that the pilot be a French citizen, between the ages of 18 and 30. Individuals holding scholarships and those who have received instruction at public expense are excluded.

CELEBRATION OF the 25th anniversary of the crossing of the English

Channel by Louis Bleriot was featured by an aerial demonstration at Buc airport near Versailles. French and English fighter squadrons participated in the program while General Denain and Lord Londonderry, each in charge of aviation of France and Great Britain, respectively, attended. Bleriot flew the Channel on June 25, 1909. Bleriot himself contributed a message to the London *Times* which ran in a special section dealing with the advancement of aviation in the 25 years since the first channel crossing was accomplished.

## Germany

EDGAR GOTTHOLD, a pilot of Breslau, recently completed a flight from Germany to Africa and return in a Junkers *Junior* covering about 15,500 miles and flying over 15 different countries. The engine was a 5-cylinder 80 h.p. Siddeley Genet, one of a series of engines made by Armstrong Siddeley Motors, Ltd.

TRAFFIC ON the European air routes continues to increase steadily, and recently during the course of a single day more than 250 persons flew between London and Paris in Imperial Airways' airliners. Recent changes in schedules have reduced the flying time between London and various points in Europe and Eurasia. Rome is only 9 hours 30 minutes from London; Moscow 17 hours 5 minutes and Istanbul, 17 hours 55 minutes away.

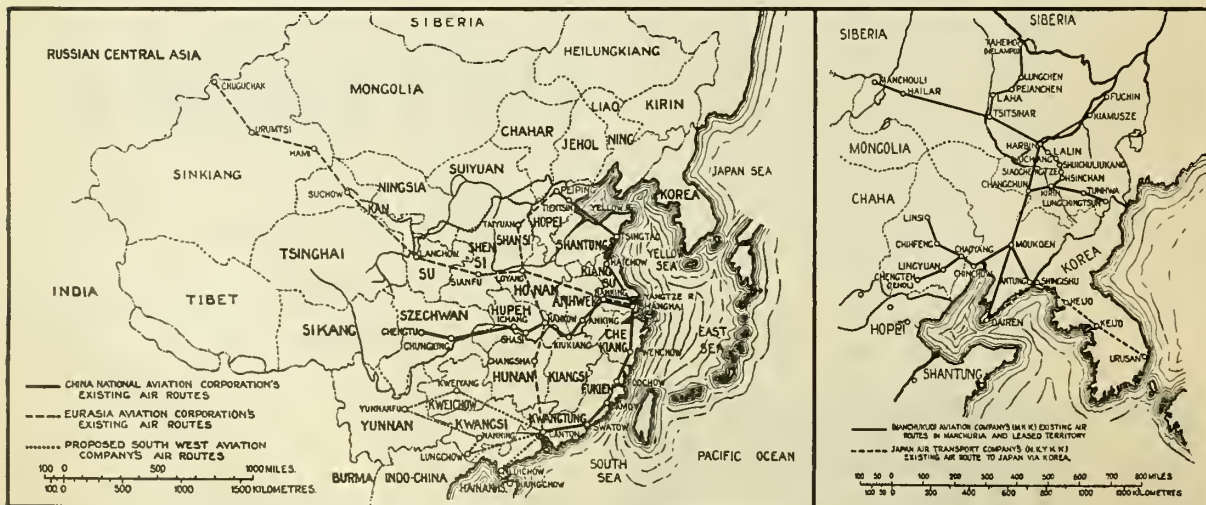
## Great Britain

A. V. ROE & CO., Ltd., of Manchester have been busy producing a number of

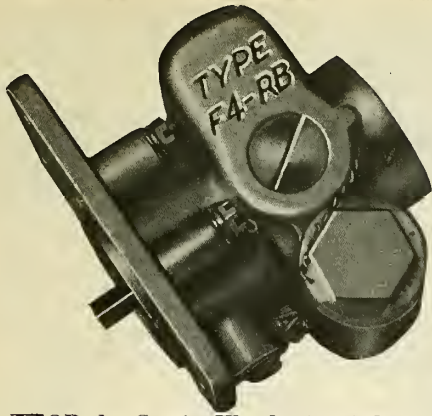
autogiros, recently beginning production of twenty, of which ten were for the British Government. Further orders have been received from foreign governments, flying clubs and private owners and it is expected that production will be considerably speeded-up in order to meet the demands for the craft. In addition, the company is engaged in constructing a number of its Avro 642, sixteen-passenger transports, one of which has been ordered for the new service connecting Glasgow, Belfast, Liverpool and London.

SUCCESSFUL TESTS of a nine-cylinder, radial, air-cooled Diesel engine were recently completed in Great Britain when the 350-h.p. *Phoenix* was mounted in a *Wapiti* plane and flown to 28,000 feet with a pilot and ballast equal to another passenger. The engine was said to have lost power with increase in altitude at about one-half the rate noted in a gasoline engine of equal power under similar circumstances. Maximum power of the Phoenix at 16,000 feet was 400, and at normal r.p.m. of 1900, the engine delivered 350 h.p. The engine's dry weight is 990 pounds; its diameter is 53 inches and its compression ratio 14:1. The engine is reported to use 30 to 40 per cent less fuel, by weight, than a gasoline engine of equal power.

ANOTHER AVRO Cadet and an Autogiro have been ordered by Airwork School of Flying, Heston. Pending delivery of these planes, a second Cadet has been placed in service while a third has been ordered for the school's Newtownards base. (Cont'd on following page)



Existing routes of air transportation companies flying over China (left) and Manchukuo (right) *Shell Aviation News*



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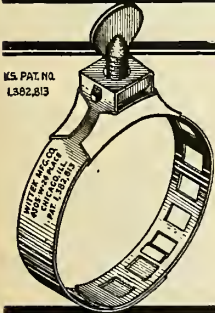
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THE FIRST aerial cruise of the principal cities of Europe in which a regular airliner was used left Croydon recently with a party of 24 tourists accompanied by uniformed couriers and interpreters in exactly the same manner as with surface travel cruises. The plane was chartered by the Polytechnic Touring Association and during its fortnight cruise covered approximately 3,000 miles visiting Amsterdam, Berlin, Vienna, Budapest, Venice, Rome and Marseilles before returning to London via Paris.

A SUBSTANTIAL order has been placed with the Blackburn Aeroplane and Motor Company, Ltd., for torpedo spotter reconnaissance aircraft for the Fleet Air Arm. The new plane combines the duties of a torpedo carrier with those of spotter reconnaissance work and has a boat-built, buoyant fuselage with watertight compartments, rivetted and sealed. A Siddeley Tiger of 700 h.p. is used in the plane which is available for shipplane or seaplane service. It has folding wings, monocoque construction and tanks built into the fuselage, the latter being a deviation from former English practice of building tanks slung between the longerons.

CAPT. O. P. JONES, veteran pilot of Imperial Airways has chalked up his 10,000th hour of flight during which he has flown more than 1,000,000 miles, made 4,500 crossings of the Channel and carried 65,000 passengers. Among other veteran pilots in the company's employ are Capt. H. J. Horsey with 9,261 hours; Capt. W. Rogers, 9,241 hours; Capt. A. B. H. Youell, 8,394 hours; and Capt. F. Dismore, 8,105 hours.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS and four railway groups have formed Railway Air Services, Ltd., to operate a system of routes inside the British Isles. Aircraft have already been purchased and service is expected to get under way just as soon as equipment becomes available. Three routes will be flown this summer; between London and the Isle of Wight; between London and Glasgow via Belfast and between Plymouth, Cardiff and Bristol, with a possible extension to Liverpool. The entire system entails some 4500 miles of airways.

## Italy

AN AIR meet at the Taliedo Airport, Rome, attracted a considerable number of tourists who arrived by air from various points on the Continent. One of the featured events was a flight around Lombardía which was won by Dr. Alessandro Guasti who flew a Caproni 100. Among other events was an acrobatic competition



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by the Pilots Archgelis, Antonini and Wengi, all of whom flew Caproni 113's and an exhibition flight of fighters of the Royal Italian Air Force.

SOCIETE AEREA Mediterranea, Rome, has taken over the services formerly operated by S.A.N.A. and will combine the routes. S.A.M. will now operate between Rome and Genoa, Marseilles and Palermo, Naples and Tripoli and in the Adriatic Sea.

THE FLIGHT made by Tivegna and Colombardi to a height of 6,272 meters (20,578 feet) with a cargo of 5,000 kg., has been homologated by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale as a new record. The plane used was a Savoia Marchetti S-72.

A NEW Fiat A-70 engine recently completed its official Air Ministry tests, running for 5 hours at 2,300 r.p.m. during which it rated 200 h.p.; 2 hours at 2,100 r.p.m. rating 180 h.p., and 50 hours at 2,100 r.p.m.

KEEPING PACE with recent trends aimed at building larger and more powerful aerial forces, Italy has appropriated about \$100,000,000 for "extraordinary" expenses connected with its aerial defense. Officials of the government have been following with interest the reports of increased aviation programs in other countries and this appropriation is said to have been made to maintain Italy's position among the foremost in aircraft strength.

## Mexico

PASSENGERS FLYING between Misantla and Jalapa (Vera Cruz) are paying fare according to their weight. A temporary arrangement conceived by Compania de Comunicaciones Aereos Orizaba-Teziutlan, S. A., calls for a charge of about \$4.10 for travelers whose weight does not exceed 165 pounds and 3½ cents a pound for each additional pound. Passengers are allowed 33 pounds of baggage for each full fare.

EIGHT NEW airports have been placed in service in the state of Vera Cruz. They are located at Jalapa, Orizaba, Huatusco, Misantla, Alto Lucero,

Naolino, Paputta and Plan de Las Hayas.

## Sweden

MORE THAN 70 aircraft companies exhibited in the International Show of Sport and Touring Aviation at the Grand Palais des Expositions Geneva, under the patronage of the President of the Swiss Confederation.

Most of the manufacturers of Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy were represented at the show, whose honorary committee included the chairmen of all countries who are members of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

AN INCREASE in dividends, from 4 per cent to 5 per cent has been announced by the Swedish Air Transportation Co., which reported a profit of \$21,846 for 1933 compared with a net profit of \$9,153 for 1932.

USE OF new and faster equipment has speeded up air schedules in Sweden and has allowed more frequent arrivals and departures than ever before. Summer schedules in and out of Kastrup Airport in Copenhagen are now at 32 arrivals and departures each day, with plans going forward for increased schedules. Among the planes being used are Junkers Ju-52's, a Wasp-powered Northrop and Fokker F-12's.

## South America

SIX NEW airports of entry were recently designated in Colombia in accordance with a new law by which civil aviation is regulated. They are Barranquilla, Cartagena, Santa Marta, Tumaco and Turbo in addition to Cucuta where the airport is now undergoing completion preparatory to its official opening.

NEW PILOT licensing regulations in Argentina are now in effect. The licenses will be issued by the Direccion General de Aeronautica Civil and will be listed in A, B, and C groups. An "A" pilot is one who operates aircraft for sport or pleasure only; a "B" pilot is a commercial pilot authorized to fly with or without passengers and to serve on airlines while a "C" pilot is one authorized to engage in any aeronautical activity.



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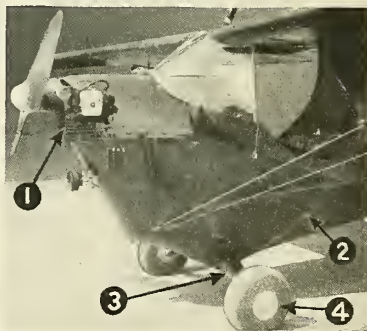
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## THE IDEAL DEALER

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the merchandising essentials are included, he will find no permanent or profitable place in the distribution system of a fast growing industry. In outlining the elements of this ideal dealer set-up, it is best to group the various factors under separate headings: (1)—Hangar space and accessories. (2)—Demonstrators. (3)—Merchandising methods.

To overcome the merchandising disadvantages of the average dealer layout, it is of utmost importance to consider the comfort and convenience of the prospect. Naturally few dealers can afford the facilities of a complete hangar devoted exclusively to the display of various models and ships available for immediate delivery. Yet any dealer can make arrangements for rental of a definitely assigned corner in the hangar which will house his ship and the sales accessories so essential in doing a psychologically sound merchandising job. This corner should be so located that the plane can be quickly available for demonstration. An inexpensive rail fencing it off from other planes is most desirable. Several chairs or a wicker divan will permit comfortable discussion and a desk or table can contain literature, photographs, aircraft publications, order blanks, etc. The wall can be profitably relieved of its ugliness and bareness by enlarged flight photographs, pictures of other models, charts giving graphic performance figures, economy comparisons, various color combinations, photos of internal construction, etc. Such visual impressions will help greatly in punching home the important advantages of the dealer's particular product as compared with others. Testimonial letters featuring customer satisfaction also will serve their purpose. None of these ideas is new, but the very fact that they are universally used with other products simply justifies their place in the aircraft dealer's picture.

It may be argued that the income from aircraft sales does not justify the investment in an elaborate sales set-up. We beg very politely to offer a distinct contradiction; first of all, such a statement is usually based on the lack of sales resulting from the inadequate efforts of the average dealer; secondly, the cost of the set-up described above is very small and would be more than absorbed by the commission from one additional sale.

It is true that the volume of sales in aircraft is far lower than that in automobiles, yet, if we keep our comparison on the same price level this difference is not so tremendous. Auto dealers featuring cars in the \$4,000 and up class cannot expect the same volume as dealers handling Fords or Chevrolets. On the same percentage basis, one sale in the

high-priced field is equivalent to many sales in the lowest-priced classes. The same argument applies in the sale of planes. Ten sales of any of the popular cabin planes on the market today, assure the dealer of a good income over and above all expenses. Yet, how many would-be dealers will make an investment similar to that of a high-priced car dealer? Very few will go beyond the purchase of a demonstrator.

### Demonstrators

For an ideal dealer set-up worthy of the sales potential in the average community, at least 2 planes are desirable. One ship should be kept as a display model, available for immediate delivery. The other would serve continuously as a demonstrator. Extensive observation, however, forces the conclusion that few dealers would (or can) make this double investment. It is necessary, therefore, to plan our picture around a single ship.

When this plane is not in use it should be placed into its location in the hangar. Care in keeping it spotlessly clean and new-looking will help materially in creating a favorable impression. Frequent turn-over of dealer demonstrators is essential. The price reduction up to 75 hours need not exceed delivery cost. This procedure will materially reduce depreciation, and will enable the dealer to always have the latest model available for his sales work. Adherence to the factory advertised list price by the dealer is essential. Every real manufacturer will stand behind the dealer on such a policy. The days of chiselling and obtaining discount for *buying* instead of *selling* are practically gone. The manufacturer fully realizes the dealer's responsibility. He is entitled to his commission if he carries out the effort involved in selling, in disposing of trade-ins, and in extending service to the purchaser. In return for this job, the dealer should (and will) receive absolute price protection from any responsible manufacturer.

### Merchandising Methods

The principal reason so few aircraft dealers have found it possible to obtain a livable profit from aircraft sales alone, is simply lack of merchandising ability. Too many consider the mere ability to fly a plane as sufficient ammunition to attack the potential market in their vicinity. The ideal dealer should possess a background of selling experience, for his problem is infinitely more complicated than that of the auto salesman. He must not only be able to present his product intelligently and convincingly from a technical as well as practical angle, but in most instances he must also overcome the instinctive fears and complexes, lack of confidence, violent prejudices and opposition on the part of the prospect's family, procrastination and de-

lay, and hundreds of other obstacles which seldom are involved in the sale of an automobile. He must have the knowledge and ability to do business with men whose income indicates business success. He must have initiative, aggressiveness, and a vast resourcefulness. He must know how to follow up prospects furnished him through the publication advertising done by the manufacturer. He must know how to write forceful and convincing letters. He must have vision to prepare campaigns to doctors, dentists, lawyers and other professional men—campaigns which will bring them to the airport and acquaint them with this most fascinating of recreations. He must have the personality to address groups at club luncheons. He must know how to obtain educational publicity in his local newspapers. He must be able to present propositions to large companies who need airplanes for transportation of executives. In other words, he must be a man whose flying ability is only incidental to his ability as a salesman, executive and educator. For such a man, the dealer franchise for a standard line of airplanes offers a good living even at this early stage. And for such a dealer, any real aircraft manufacturer will gladly extend cooperation and protection.

One of the most common mistakes made by the average dealer is the tendency to wait for prospects to materialize. As a result, he considers it necessary to have a large territory set aside for himself. Such practice is fallacious, as the sales costs of covering a large territory cannot be balanced by the income. Any live dealer can derive enough business from a half-million population to have a bank account at the end of the year. Ten sales in such an area, means only one sale to every fifty thousand population. And in this day and age, the airlines, aircraft magazines, newspapers, military propaganda, etc., have certainly created enough sub-conscious air-mindedness to enable the aggressive dealer to find one man in every fifty thousand to whom an airplane can be sold. If every dealer in the country could qualify for such a quota, the manufacturer could then spend most of his sales appropriation in assisting the dealer instead of being forced to send his own men to forty-eight states doing a job that is inefficient as a selling method.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AIRPLANE

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The Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Labor Department could transport its field officers much faster by airplane and could likely find other uses for it in the general administration of its duties.

A complete aerial photographic map of the United States should be of value to the Interstate Commerce Commission in supervising interstate carriers.

The Federal Power Commission, Federal Communication Commission and the two International Boundary commissions doubtless could very well use aerial maps to great advantage in their work. The International Boundary commissions (United States, Alaska and Canada, and the United States and Mexico) should find a complete photographic map of the United States with an overlap of the boundary countries of inestimable value.

Photographic maps would provide the Inland Waterways Corporation with much valuable information in connection with operation and maintenance problems.

The Board of Surveys and Maps of the Federal government, which was created for the purpose of making recommendations to the several departments or to the President for coordinating all map making and surveying activities of the Government and to settle all questions relating to surveys and maps, is at present making a comprehensive study looking toward the correlation of the map-making activities of its member organizations. These include: Lake Survey, Bureau of Soils, General Land Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Indian Affairs, Army Air Corps, Division of Maps of the Library of Congress, Bureau of Aeronautics, Bureau of Air Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Geographic Section of the State Department, International (Canada) Boundary Commission, Division of Topography of the Post Office Department, Mississippi River Commission, Coast and Geodetic Survey, Federal Power Commission, Bureau of Light-houses, Military Intelligence Division of the War Department, Bureau of Public Roads, Hydrographic Office, Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey and Forest Service.

The Board may wish to give serious consideration to the subject of a complete photographic map of the United States and its possessions. Such a map would prove of value not only to the Federal government as evidenced by the interest of the members of the board, but it would also be of benefit to the other agencies of the government which were mentioned in the foregoing as having a minor need for the information which can be obtained only from a map as adequate as one made from photo-

graphs made with aerial cameras.

The Federal government would be able to save a great amount of time and money, now, if such a map were available. It would be of great value in connection with new public works projects, waterways, reclamation of unproductive land, and drought prevention. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Land Bank Division of the Farm Credit Administration could use this map to great advantage and practically all other departments and their branches would find it extremely useful.

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## THE NEW LUSCOMBE PHANTOM

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Top speed.....	168 miles per hour
Landings, speed (flaps down).....	45 m.p.h.
Cruising range.....	560 miles

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## A JUNKETER RIDES THE AIRWAYS

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Newark instead of Chicago; so mine was the one case on record where a fellow with Form 13 ever got anywhere but exhausted.

Well, I told Harold that a joke was a joke but that I was growing old waiting for vacant seats, so he authorized the traffic department to ship me on a Form 12, which rates the same as a cash fare. After this I sailed right through and believed the ads about airlines saving you time and annoyance. My old friend Marion "Pop" Sterling was pilot on the next ship bound for Chicago, and it made

me feel glad they'd thrown me off at Cleveland just so I could see him again. He turned the wheel over to the "Mate," as they quaintly term the co-pilots on United, and came back and chatted with me. When he learned that I was bound for Hollywood he gave me a can of insect powder to use in case the movie actors got in my hair.

At Chicago I had to wait over for the plane that had left New York at 9 p.m. and was scheduled to leave Chicago at 2 a.m. There was no place to go but to sleep, so I curled up on the leather benches in the Chicago terminal for about four hours and was only disturbed once when a porter asked me if I'd mind not snoring so loud as it made the waiting passengers think their plane was taking off and they would go rushing out in droves and creating a disturbance.

### Meeting Old Pilots

Pilot R. W. Meskimen dragged me out of Chicago to Cheyenne, Wyoming; after we'd got in the air he came back and talked to me. Mighty pleasant it was meeting old pilots I'd heard about and had never met; and they'd never known me except in print, which my long-suffering friends maintain is the only safe way to meet me. All across the continent and back I was meeting the veterans whose skill and good judgment have played such a large part in building up our fine airlines. These boys do their splendid work day after day, year after year, in fair weather and storms, without benefit of publicity; but the marvellous transportation system which they are building will last, an enduring monument to their courage and their strength of character, long after more spectacular aerial achievements are forgotten.

I don't know of anything quite as soothing and restful as travel by air at night; the plane roars off into a mysterious and unknown darkness, and you sit there in the cabin looking out at a million lights and wondering at the ingenuity and the courage of men who have made this thing possible. And if you're an old pilot yourself you feel happy and perhaps a little proud to recall that you have had some small part in this great undertaking, this triumph of man over distance and time and danger. And you feel mighty humble, too, for you realize how tiny a part any individual has played in all of this; for it started away back in the dimness of prehistoric times when some smart savage discovered the wheel and others learned to work metals and fashion materials into this shape and that, and all with some Divine purpose in view which we cannot comprehend and probably never will.

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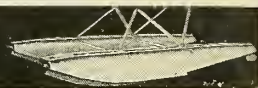


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wake up when they land at Moline, drop off again in the air, wake up at Iowa City, sleep a spell, then gaze at Des Moines an hour later. By the time you've dropped off, then waked up, and looked at Lincoln, Grand Island, and North Platte you've come to the conclusion that it is easy to go to sleep in an airliner and impossible to stay asleep. There is too much competition.

At Cheyenne Pilot Meskimen left us to hunt moose, or whatever abounds in Cheyenne, and Smiling John Hodgson climbed into the cab to drive old 97 to Salt Lake City. I call him Smiling John because he grinned every time he looked back at me. I guess I looked funny to him. He is evidently a bachelor, because I don't know any married men who ever look so cheerful.

At Cheyenne we looked down at an army post. Fort Francis E. Warren, useful in the old days of the Indian wars. Apparently the Army hasn't learned that all the Indians are now football players or oil magnates. At Bolster, Wyoming, we saw the Laramie Plains, famous in buffalo hunting days, and to the North was Robber's Roost, where bandits held up trains in pioneer days. There aren't any bandits there now—they're all in New York, Chicago, and Washington, D. C. It's a grand flight to Rock Springs and Fort Bridger, established by Jim Bridger, famous scout and Indian fighter, and over the Wasatch Range to Salt Lake City, passing over the old Mormon trail of 1847. From the map and air log which United supplies to every passenger you can see where you are most of the time and learn interesting facts about the route over which you are flying.

At Salt Lake City Pilot Jack O'Brien climbed into the cabin, took the throttle in his hand, and made another journey to the promised land of San Francisco. The Great Salt Lake Desert is one of the wonders of nature, not even forgetting Frank McKay; there's enough salt there to do the entire world for centuries and leave enough over to keep Huey Long from getting too fresh. The airport at Salt Lake City occupies part of the bed of old Lake Bonneville, which in the glacial period held water 900 feet above the present lake level. Not that anybody cares. The present lake is so salty that if you dive into it you bounce right back out again, like the Army did in the Air Mail business.

A strong cross wind on a narrow field made it inadvisable to land at Elko, Nevada, so we climbed up out of the pass, experiencing some of the most entertaining bumps I've ever encountered. We flew over Beowawe, and passed Battle Mountain to the north a little further on, where the old gold miners and the Piute Indians fought a bloody battle 74 years ago, then over the Carson Sink and on to

Reno, where we deposited a disgruntled lady to await marital relief. The stewardess informed me that the gals usually go to Reno by train and return by air; I suppose they go there in a slow and pensive railroad mood and return by air because they're so happy they have to get back quick and tell their friends how good they feel being free. The one we dropped off was a hard blonde; I could imagine how pleased her husband must have been to know she was with us instead of with him. We didn't mind losing her, either.

#### On to California

After Reno we passed Lake Tahoe to the south, also Donner Lake, named for a party of pioneers snowbound there in 1848, of whom 36 perished. Then we passed Flat, Calif., and flew along the north fork of the American River over old placer gold mining territory. We saw the ghost towns of Whiskey Diggings, Angel's Camp, Hangtown, Poker Flat, Gold Run, and others made famous by the writings of Bret Harte. Remember "The Outcasts of Poker Flat"? You lose your sense of reality and feel like a character in romantic fiction when you pass over those places. Then you fly over the fertile Sacramento Valley and become modern and commercial again, more's the pity, and half an hour later you are flying over San Francisco Bay and landing at the magic city that is different from any place in the United States. From the air San Francisco is the most lovely city I have ever seen, and I've seen quite a few. It is surrounded by the Bay, the Pacific Ocean, and Mike Doolin, who is as much a part of the scene as the seals on Seal Rocks. I had dinner with this old settler, and the next day he took me for a flight of an hour or so over the city, the Golden Gate, San Mateo, Oakland, Berkeley, and other places. I looked down on San Quentin Prison where 4,000 citizens are sitting quietly thinking things over. They're putting up a new building, so I presume that business in the prison line is picking up.

Next day I flew to Los Angeles with Dick Bowman, an old United pilot and one of the best in the business. At Palo Alto I looked around for Hoover, but he was evidently hiding. He's not taking any chances of their finding him and shoving him back in the White House.

At first glance Los Angeles and surrounding cities look like Cleveland, Ohio, with palms, Neon lights, and more filling stations, with Sister Aimee pronouncing a benediction on the whole. Then, as you look it over and overlook the movie actors swinging by their tails from the trees, you begin to sense a magnificent surge of life in this sun-bathed plain nestling between high mountains. The people here are vibrantly alive, and most

of them are happy and working; there's nothing stodgy or dull about Los Angeles and its people. I liked the place immensely, but I think that living there indefinitely would be rather a strain on a quiet old man.

Seen from above at night, from a TWA Douglas airliner, Los Angeles is an intricate pattern of sheer beauty done in light; the wide boulevards stretch for miles and miles, bisected by narrower streets, the whole making a mosaic in light that no city in the world can quite equal. As a frame there are the mountains, great blobs of mysterious dusk splashed at the edges of the picture. You wing away from Los Angeles amused at its insanities and inanities, awed by its actual accomplishments. These people have transformed a dry plain into a lovely garden filled with flowers and trees and grass; no wonder that the sane and the insane flock here in almost equal numbers. The verdure grows only by a virtue of constant waterings; forget to water your lawn to-night and it will be brown to-morrow. A chap who arrived in a green suit forgot to water it, and found next day that he was wearing a brown suit. Just goes to show!

Art Burns was the pilot who rescued me from Hollywood just as I began to imagine that I was King Kong chasing Fay Wray from tree to tree. He flew me via Kingman and Winslow to Albuquerque, where Carl Rach took over the ship and flew it to Kansas City. Pilot S. C. Welsh brought us to New York. I'm sorry that lack of space forbids a detailed description of the return trip on TWA, shortest and fastest route from coast to coast. But that's only an excuse, to tell you the truth. California, accompanied by Jerry McClelland, Warren Carey, Big Chief Pants-at-the-ankles Stearman of the Wichita tribe, One-shot Doolin and other fearsome fauna of those parts had worn me down to a point where all I could do was sleep. And that fine Douglas airliner is built for sleep; it's the quietest and fastest transport plane that I've flown in and the seats are the most comfortable. I slept all the way to Wichita, and most of the way to New York, with the usual awakening for landings en route, which seems unavoidable.

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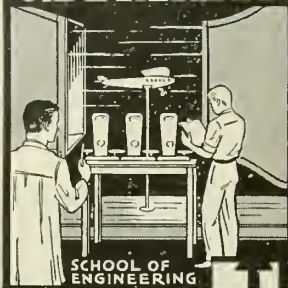
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**STINSON, JR.:** with Wasp Junior, cruising 120, blind flying instruments, drift indicator, landing lights, airwheels, speed ring, excellent condition. B. C. Skinner, Dunedin, Florida.

**SPECIAL CHURCH:** Factory welded fuselage assembled by expert mechanic, complete less motor in Indiana. Will sell regardless of price. Beachair, 29 N. Meredith, Pasadena, California.

**WACO OX-5:** Licensed, excellent condition, engine recently overhauled; new rings and magne-tino, new prop, recovered last year. Priced at \$495. Roland S. Esch, New London, Ohio.

**AERONCA C-2:** Less than 200 hours. Always stored in hangar. Excellent condition. New cylinder assemblies. Just relicensed. \$450. Harold F. Culp, Orange City, Florida.

**CHALLENGER ROBIN:** Complete with floats, wheels, siren, navigation lights, adjustable prop. Ship and motor perfect. No reasonable offer refused. Will trade. C. W. Siehl, Sberhurn, Minnesota.

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**\$50 BUYS Clipped Wing OX-5 Standard**, good flying condition, fuselage recovered. Ship at Jewestown, N. D. Western Airplane Distributors, 602 Graphic Arts Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

**TRAVEL AIR 6-place job** with J6-9 330 motor. Excellent condition throughout. Direct drive starter, landing lights, lavatory. \$1,500 cash or trade. William Farly, Albany Airport, Albany, New York.

**WACO C:** Less than 50 hours. Must sell. Landing lights, flares, bonded for radio, bank and turn, rate of climb, pants, steel prop, special paint and upholstery, color dark blue. Price \$5,500. AERO DIGEST, Box 1854.

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**FOR SALE OR TRADE:** 1 Pitcairn PA-6; 1 Avro Avian. 1 B-5 J6-9 Ryan. Other airplanes available. Deemer Aircraft Sales Company, Brookville, Pennsylvania.

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**GIPSY MOTH:** Completely rebuilt, new wings, uncovered and unlicensed, motor excellent. \$400, includes drum of Glidden's nitrate dope. Diamond Airport, Box 195, San Antonio, Texas.

**FAIRCHILD 42:** 4-place cabin. Total time 185 hours. \$1,400. Dual stick control, Wright Whirlwind J-6 330 h.p. Equipped with R C A radio, shielded and bonded; electric Eclipse starter and generator, brakes, air tires, landing lights, Pioneer turn and bank and rate of climb, large baggage compartment. Top speed 130, cruises at 109 at 1700 r.p.m. The ship is like new throughout. Prohinsie, 209-30 Northern Boulevard, Bayside, L. I., N. Y. Telephone Bay-side 9-7600.

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**AERONCA SEAPLANE C-3:** Two-place. Corrosion proofed for salt water. Total time, 350 hours. Motor just factory overhauled. New Edo pontoons. Also has oleo landing gear and winter enclosure. Norwood Aircraft Sales, Apt. 4, 2120 Maple Avenue, Norwood, Ohio.

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**6-PLACE STINSON:** J-5 motor; licensed till June 1935. 60 hours since major, 360 hours total, excellent condition. Make offer; trades considered. Florida Skyways, Miami, Florida.

**FOR SALE:** LeBlond 65 Arrow Sport. Relicensed to Sept. 1, 1935. Good condition. \$500 cash. Harlan Rahilly, 208 W. College St., Austin, Minnesota.

**BIRD:** Kinner K-5 late type, steel propeller, brakes, air speed, booster; nice finish; motor overhauled, in fine condition. \$1,250 for quick sale. Fred McKenrick, Ebersburg, Pennsylvania.

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**TWO CURTISS D-12 Motors in A-1 condition.** \$150 each. Rising Sun Motors, H and Luzerne Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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**FOR SALE:** Pitcairn Autogiro, majored Kinner B-5, excellent condition, \$2,350. Waco 3 POLB, 210 Continental, 150 hours, real bargain, \$3,150. One 165 Continental, second series, completely overhauled, two first series, sale or exchange. Our engine parts are reasonable and thoroughly reconditioned. Wanted: J5, Warner, Lycoming engines. AERO DIGEST, Box 1864.

**WARNER WACO D:** 300 hours; hank and turn, rate of climb, steel prop, front cockpit cover, ring. \$1,800 cash. L. Wilkinson, Llewellyn Park, Orange, New Jersey.

**AMERICAN EAGLE:** Biplane. New type Kinner 5 motor; total flying 5 hours. Always hangared. NC licensed. Like new in every particular. Never cracked. Consider trade for car. T. P. Marks, Inc., El Dorado, Arkansas.

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**FAIRCHILD 22 (Rover):** Total time 430 hours; 120 hours since major overhaul, \$1,100. Also have on hand large supply of OX-5 Challenger and Waco 10 parts. Flying Dutchman Air Service, Somerton Airport, Somerton, Pennsylvania.

**STEARMAN, J-5 MOTOR:** Total time, 400 hours. Motor has 35 hours since major overhaul. Entire ship recovered recently. Special gloss Stinson finish. Has ring on motor and large semi-air wheels with hrakes. Price \$1,400. Waco Straight Wing with J6-5. Motor completely modernized. Total time, 375 hours. Ship just recovered and painted, white fuselage and red wings. Price \$1,500. Fleet with 90 Kinner; Motor and ship in excellent condition; just licensed; total time 550 hours. Price \$1,275. Will consider trade on any of these ships. Andy Stinis, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, New York.

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**BARGAINS:** Curtiss-Wright Jr., just relicensed, \$350. J-5 Mailwing, flares, radio, airwheels, \$1,175. J-5 Travel Air, \$1,100. Lambert-powered Franklin trainer, \$775. Warner Aristocrat, \$975 or will trade for small open ship. Stinson left wing and parts. OX parts. Earl E. Bach, Philadelphia Municipal Airport, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE:** P2 Privateer Amphibion; total 220 hours. Licensed September, 1935; completely rebuilt; \$1,400. AERO DIGEST, Box 1865.

**J-5 SPEEDWING Travel Air:** 450 hours, engine top overhauled, hrakes, speed ring, complete blind flying instruments, Hamilton Steel propeller. Licensed until February, 1935. Price \$1,000. Curtiss-Wright Jr., 300 hours, good condition, just relicensed, \$300. Air Activities Airport, West Chicago, Illinois.

**AMERICAN EAGLE:** High compression OX-5. Complete overhaul. New tires and tubes. Fuselage recovered. Landing and navigation lights. Licensed to September, 1935. \$400 cash. Paul H. Stambaugh, 222 North Seminary St., Galesburg, Illinois.

**SALE OR TRADE:** Waco F Warner, licensed to August 1, 1935. Fine condition. Waco 10, OX-5; Licensed to September, 1935. \$400 cash. Paul H. Stambaugh, 222 North Seminary St., Galesburg, Illinois.

**FOR SALE:** Waco Taper Wing J-5, relicensed August first; excellent condition throughout, 15 hours since major; equipped with blind flight instruments, navigation lights, speed ring, front cockpit cover; 550 hours total, ship and engine. Always privately owned and flown, never cracked. Price \$1,500. AERO DIGEST, Box 1869.

**\$185 DOWN,** balance \$275.50 per month buys recovered Waco 10 with 1935 license, DH wheels. Inspection by appointment only. Pioneer Aviation Co., Airoort, Syracuse, N. Y.

**BELLANCA SKYROCKET,** Warner Fairchild 22, Cirrus Fairchild 22, Warner Fairchild 22 seaplane, Warner Fairchild 24, Fleet, Bird, Fokker Super-Universal, Lockheed Vega, Lockheed Sirius, Wasp Laird, Warner and Lambert Monocoups, Stinson Jr., Stinson Reliant, Travel Air 6000, Stearman J6-7, Waco C, Great Lakes, Travel Air Sedan, J6-9 Laird cracked up, Stinson U Trimotor, Aircraft Sales Company, Hangar D, Roosevelt Field, Mineola, New York.

**SELL OR TRADE:** Savoia-Marchetti S-56. Ship completely rebuilt and relicensed until July, 1935. Many extras, including special landing gear with semi-airwheels. Paul Lonquich, 12 Holland Avenue, Yonkers, New York.

**FOR SALE:** Curtiss Junior, just relicensed and in excellent condition. Best offer or will trade as part payment on three-place plane. D. Whitworth, 182 Conover Ave., Nutley, N. J.

**FOR SALE:** 3 Loening Amphibions in good condition and licensed. Also aircraft and engine parts. Write or wire Pennsylvania Airlines and Transport Company, Pittsburgh, Penna., for further information.

**J-5 FIVE-PLACE BUHL:** Heywood starter, steel prop; licensed until June, 1935. Excellent shape; 50 hours on motor since factory overhaul. \$900 cash at Revere, Mass. Dolly Barnson, Atlantic City, N. J. Muller Field, Revere, Mass.

**\$885: J-5 RYAN or J-5 Fairchild cabin,** both in perfect condition. Ryan has been recovered. Terms, \$500 down, balance monthly. Pioneer Aviation Co., Airoort, Syracuse, N. Y.

**WACO CABIN:** Late 1932, with 210 Continental; total ship time 385 hours, total motor time 123 hours; equipped with radio, hank and turn, rate of climb, clock, steel propeller, etc. Wings Corporation of Philadelphia, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

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**CHALLENGER OX-5:** Excellent shape. Need different type ship, will trade. Also low pressure tires and tubes at bargain. Capitol Airport, Bladensburg, Maryland.

**5-PLACE FAIRCHILD cabin FC-2:** Total time 250 hours, 50 hours on motor since factory overhaul; duals; camera trap doors; tail wheel; equipped for blind and night flying. Ideal for photographic work. \$1,050. Stewart Sales and Service, 933 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**ARROW SPORT:** 65 LeBlond; 200 hours. Ship painted cream color with black stripe. Licensed until June, 1935. \$500 cash. Privately owned, never cracked. Atlantic Airways, Inc., Revere, Massachusetts.

**\$395: LICENSED VELLIE Monocoupe,** perfect condition, dual controls, motor major overhaul June 15, 1935. OXX-6 Travel Air, \$475. Challenger Robin, \$900. Pioneer Aviation, Airport, Syracuse, N. Y.

**WARNER MONOCOUCHE 125:** Total hours 230; privately owned; excellent condition; licensed July, 1935. Special instruments plus radio, heater, etc., \$1,500. J. E. Packard, 633 Frances Building, Sioux City, Iowa.

**KINNER K-5 AMERICAN EAGLE:** Model 201. Instruments, motor and plane in perfect condition. Navigation lights, air wheels; licensed to July, '35. \$800. Archie MacDougall, Pembina, North Dakota.

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**PLANES AND ENGINES  
FOR SALE**

**STINSON LYCOMING:** Blind and night flying instruments. New airwheels, tail wheel. Covering perfect and new finish in black trimmed with red. New red leather upholstery. No time on engine since overhaul; \$1,500. **TRAVEL AIR 4000 Speed Wing, J-5.** Steel propeller, spinner, speed ring, semi-airwheels and brakes. Covering perfect, newly finished in white and red. No time on engine since overhaul; \$1,350. **Aero-Wavs, Inc.** Cleveland Airport, Cleveland, Ohio.

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**CHALLENGER ROBIN:** Heywood starter, full instruments, always hangared. Major overhaul. Recently recovered. Sell or trade for five-place cabin. **Aeroco Flying Service,** Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**AMERICAN EAGLE A-129:** Kinner K-5 motor. Both lower wings damaged. Can be rebuilt cheap. Otherwise perfect. Ship just reconditioned before mishap. May be seen at Mayer Field, Bridgeville, Penna. \$500. **Irving** 24-foot seat pack chute, excellent, \$75. Both must be held this month. E. S. Stickel, Fincastle, Virginia.

**\$175 DOWN** buys Curtiss Junior; balance on terms. Junior just licensed, in perfect condition. First deposit received gets preference. **Pioneer Aviation Company,** Airport, Syracuse, New York.

**WACO F-2:** 165 Continental; ship and motor time 400 hours, motor just completely overhauled; bank and turn, rate of climb, special paint job, wheel pants, engine cowl, remote control fire-extinguisher system and other special features. Privately owned and in wonderful condition. **Wings Corporation of Philadelphia,** Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

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**PONTOONS; PROPELLERS; PARTS:** Almost new, refinished Edo pontoons for 6-place airplane, \$475. J6-5 and Challenger Standard Steel propellers, \$75. Reconditioned J-6, J-5 and Challenger parts, 70% off. **Florida Skyways,** Miami, Florida.

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**PROPELLERS:** Lowest prices in the country. Steel props for J-6, J-5. A few brand new Hamilton wood props at \$15. We stock Flo-torp, Marshall and Bennett propellers for all motors. **Central Air Service,** Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**TWO J-5 ENGINES,** complete; one just overhauled, other very little time since overhaul. One J-5 Scintilla magneto. One J-5 Hamilton Standard propeller. One Pioneer compass. One Fairchild FC-2 right wing. One Pioneer rate of climb, less bottle (small). One Pioneer rate of climb less bottle (large). \$850 for all or will sell separately. E. Pellegatti, Cleveland Airport, Cleveland, Ohio.

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**TWO ROBERT BOSCH magnetos,** 5 cylinders, for Kinner K-5, \$20 each; 2 Scintilla magnetos for K-5, \$20 each. One Standard Steel prop, perfect, \$55, for Kinner or Warner, 3 cylinder heads with valves, front exhaust, 16 stud, \$15 each. 5 cylinders, \$5 each. One Challenger motor, 180 horsepower, condition perfect; 261 hours total time, 40 since majored; new carburetor, new direct hand cranking starter, Standard Steel prop, \$250 or will trade for good J-5 and prop. **Finklea Brothers,** Leland, Mississippi.

**WANTED TO BUY  
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**WANTED:** Stinson "S" left wing, less aileron and fuel tank. Give details as to condition and lowest cash price. OR will sell Stinson "S" complete but less above item. **Basil Aviation Co.,** Phila. Municipal Airport, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**WANT:** Lambert Monocoupe. Give complete description first letter, serial number, date manufactured, type landing gear, equipment. Will pay cash for best bargain. **Charles Gaylord,** Hamilton, New York.

**WILL TRADE:** 10 acres of dryland Bliss triumph potatoes for airplane. Must be licensed ship. Harvest time October 1st. **Eddie Fleming,** Van Tassel, Wyoming.

**WANTED:** Command-Aire left upper wing. State price and condition. **Kay Krurup,** 180 Hilton Avenue, Hempstead, L. I., New York.

**WANTED:** One right upper wing for Waco F. A. Janick, 17208 Ryan Road, Detroit, Michigan. **WILL BUY** Warner Fairchild 22 or similar ship, if bargain. Must be tandem seating, 100 h.p. up. All details first letter. **FOR SALE:** M-5 Monoprop; Air wheels, other extras, fair condition, \$500. **CURTIS JR.,** licensed, nearly new motor, \$300. **Baumgardner,** Fort Stockton, Texas.

**WANTED:** Ford Trimotors—J6-9E, Wasp and Wasp Junior engines, and new parts for same. All must be in good condition. State cash price and give complete history and details. **TACA,** Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Central America.

**WANTED:** 1933 Warner Monocoupe. Have J-5 5-place Buhl and Arrow Sport, both licensed until July, 1935 to trade. **Atlantic Airways,** Revere, Mass.

**AERONCA WANTED:** 2-place. Must be in East. State hours, condition, equipment, motor type, date manufactured. Will not dicker. State lowest price. Crack-ups considered. **Viking Flying Boat Co.,** New Haven, Connecticut.

**WANTED:** Best two- or three-place licensed airplane obtainable delivered Houston, Texas, for \$1,200 cash. Prefer Fairchild or Monocoupe. Send detailed guaranteed description first letter; hours and condition motor and plane; history of repairs, crack-ups, instruments, photo, etc. **Homer I. Henderson,** 611 Esperson Bldg., Houston, Texas.

**WANTED:** KR-21 Fairchild taper wing, or Great Lakes. Any condition; give details. Cash or trade: **Waco 10,** licensed August 1, 1935. Like new. **W. Conrad,** 11637 Ilene Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

**WILL TRADE** licensed Waco OX, excellent condition, for late model sedan or boat; or make cash offer. Located in Maryland. **AERO DIGEST,** Box 1867.

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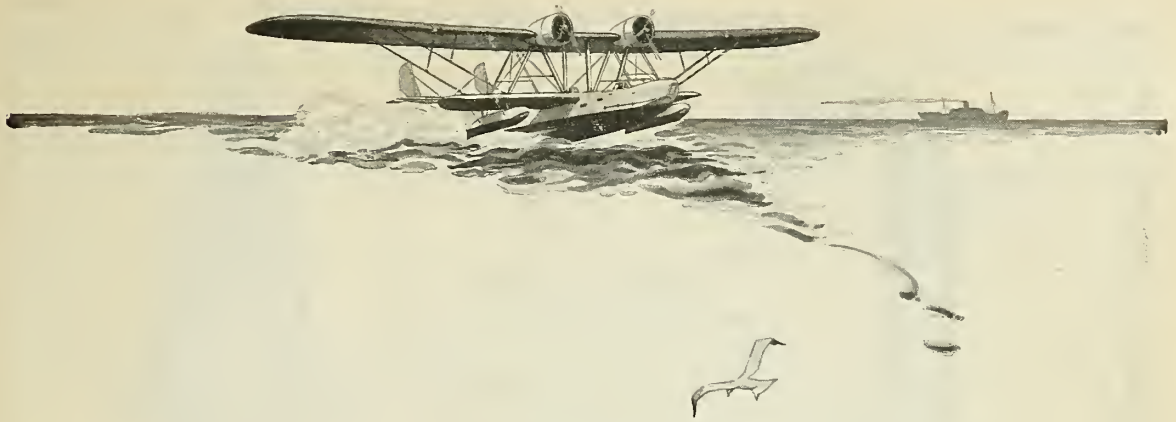
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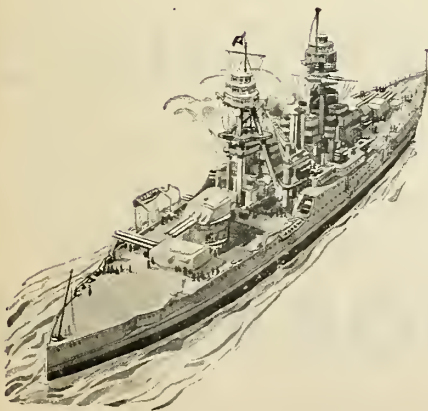




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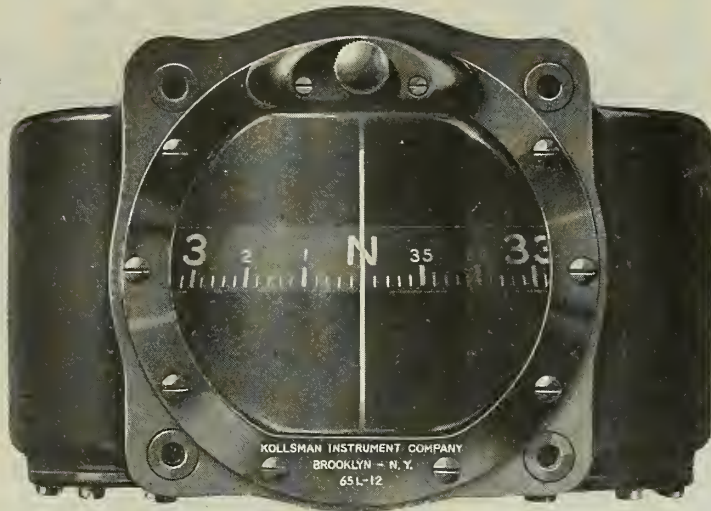
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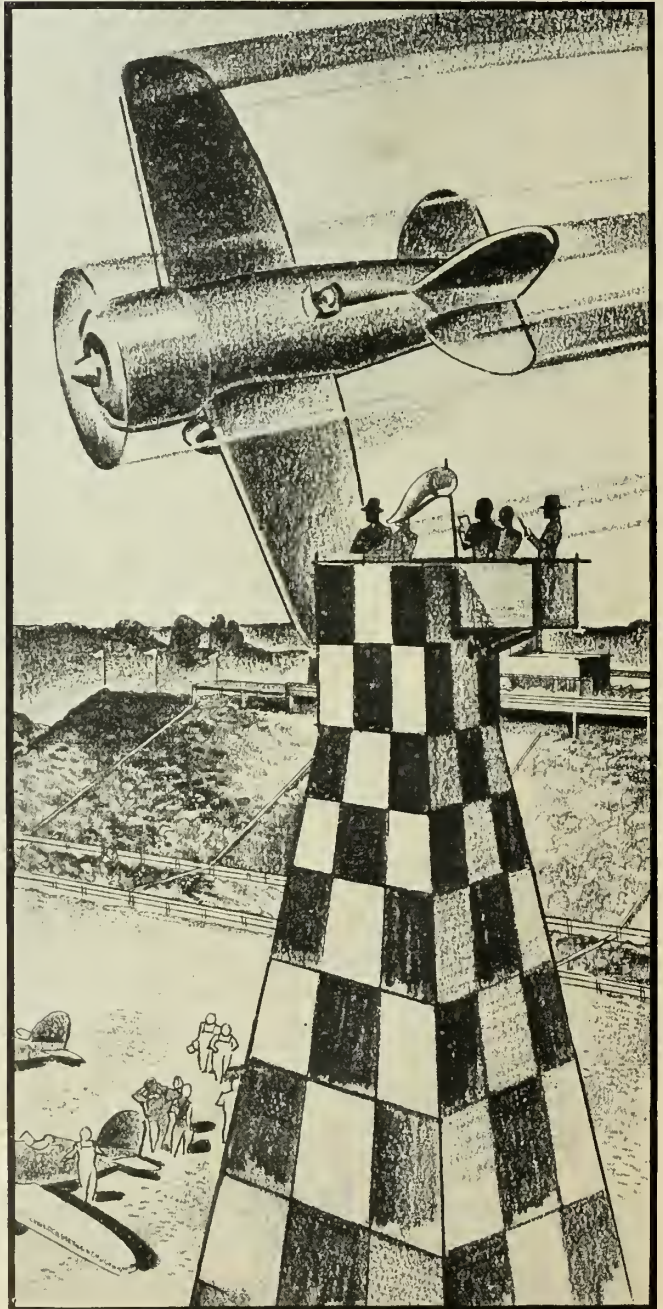
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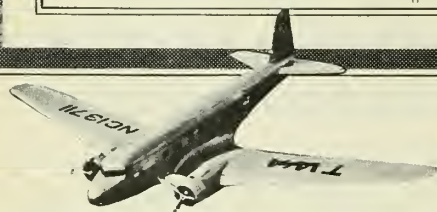
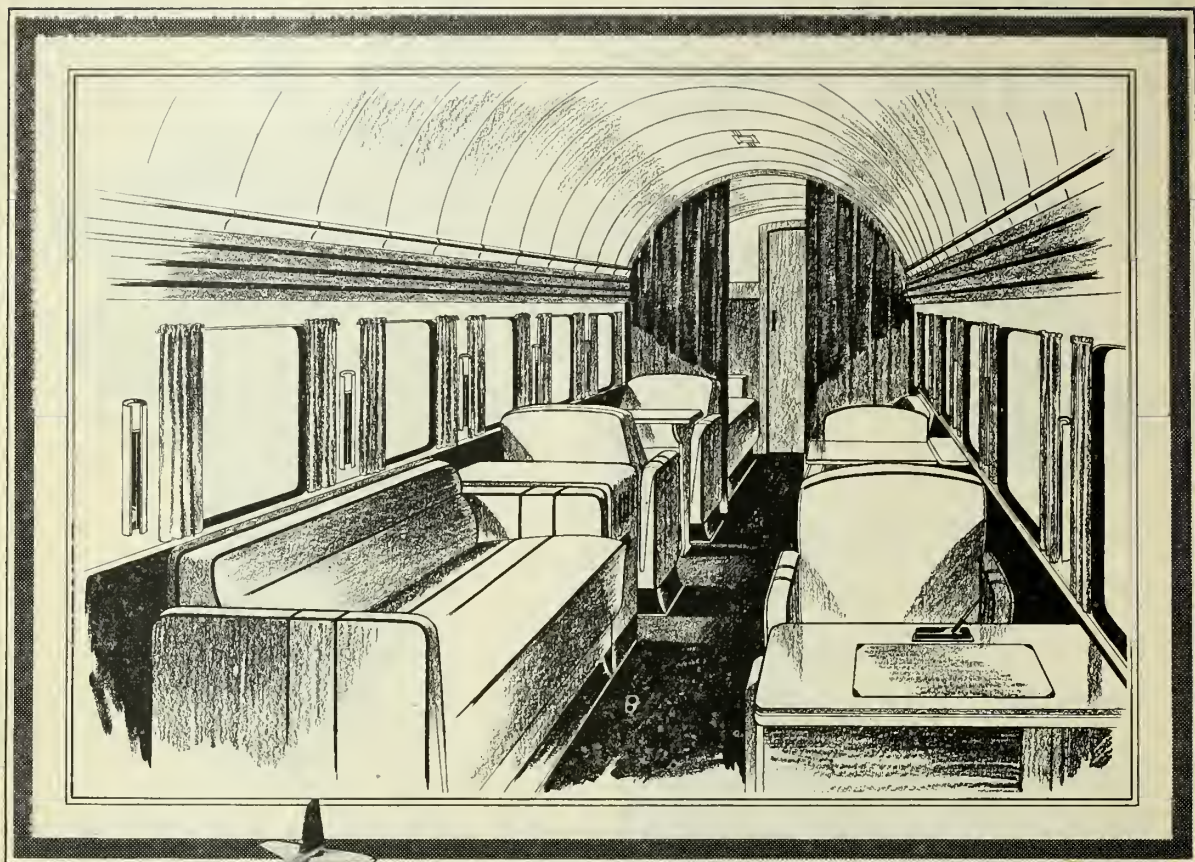
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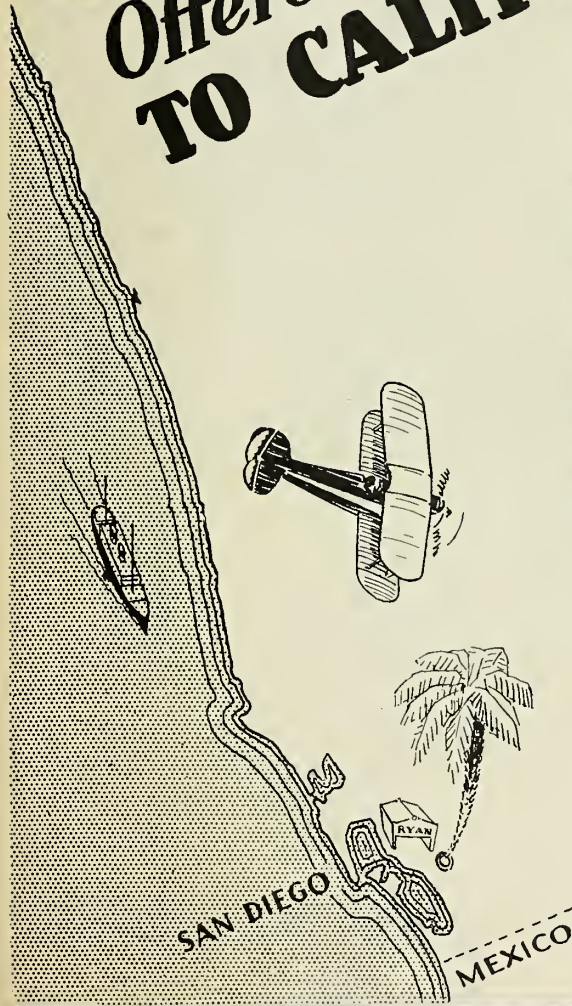
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## Hot and Otherwise

FRANK A. TICHENOR

● The Ballyhoo Deal is at it again! At both the ballyhooing and the dealing. This time it's the Senate Munitions Investigation. But the formula is the same as that used in the Banking investigation, the Air Mail contract cancellations, and the Benny Foulois mud-slinging *mêlée*. By now, you can probably recognize the fragrance of that formula blindfolded, so we need hardly remind you that it consists of punching below the belt of justice, holding out a stick of candy with one hand and slugging the hopeful recipient with the other, and blasting on the trumpets of ballyhoo to drown out all sounds of what's really going on. In other words, the New Deal's idea of roving to the shores of economic recovery seems to be periodically to stand up on the gunwale and, with righteous inconsistency, start rocking the boat and berating the oarsmen as crooks and bums. These antics are supposed to spur the oarsmen on to greater efforts, even though they prevent them from getting their oars into the water. More important, however, they are calculated to impress the passengers with what a competent master Captain New Deal is.

It is not the claimed purpose of the Munitions Investigation which is objectionable—it is the real purpose and the method. The claimed purpose is to determine whether or not the munitions makers instigate wars to sell their wares. The real purpose—judging from the methods being used—is to make political capital by “proving” to the folks back home that here is another batch of dirty scoundrels who have been mulcting the forgotten man, and jeopardizing the public safety, to fill their own pockets.

### Tracking Down Beasts

Investigation, they call it. According to old Noah Webster, “to investigate” in the accepted sense is to inquire and examine *patiently* and thoroughly for the purpose of ascertaining the causes and nature of any particular phenomenon. The definition implies an unprejudiced, scientific attitude of mind on the part of the investigator. But there is an archaic and abandoned definition of “investigate” which means to track down beasts.

Which is the definition of the Senate investigators? Obviously, the latter!

Far from being unprejudiced, they bring their conclusions with them and use their investigation merely as a means of vindicating and publicizing those conclusions. This noble end they achieve by making it look to the gallery as though they are tracking down beasts.

All of their queries are leading questions. Some of them are downright insane. For instance, what could be more ridiculous than some of the questions which they put to the representatives of one of America's leading aircraft engine manufacturers? In an effort to expose them as culprits conspiring to “re-arm the Reich,” they asked them if the engines they had sold in Germany for commercial aviation couldn't be synchronized with machine guns. Of course, they could! But so too could automobile engines or any other kind of machinery with a drive shaft—a fact which the astute Senators were clever enough not to mention.

### Where's the Dividing Line?

They were also clever enough not to mention that almost any export commodity you may name can be converted to military use if the purchasing nation so desires. Cotton can be used to clothe armies, wheat to feed them, motor vehicles to transport them, and so on till the most insignificant article becomes a weapon of war or an item to help support a populace at war. Except for guns and ammunition, armored boats and airplanes definitely designed to wage war, there is no man alive wise enough to say what commodity is an implement of peace and what an implement of Mars. The question has come up time and again in history ever since the Napoleonic Wars when Wellington observed that an army advances on its stomach, as much as on its armament. Then who are these omniscient Senators that they can state without equivocation where peace ends and war begins in the international commerce of the world?

AERO DIGEST has never denied—and does not now deny—that there have been underhand dealings in the aviation industry. In fact, we have fought against just that sort of thing for years, long before these brilliant Senators decided they needed some publicity. But calling a few elements within an industry to task for

their misdeeds and threatening ruin to the export trade of an entire industry are horses of vastly different hues. With its ballyhoo dynamite, this Senate committee is threatening to blow the export business of the American aircraft industry to smithereens.

Nothing is sacred to these gentlemen—except votes. Without proof and without qualifications, they drag the names of high officials of other nations through the mud of scandal, whether they be innocent or guilty. They hurl slander across the seven seas and stir up the winds of ill-will against the entire American nation. If they imagine they are fostering the cause of peace on earth, let them think again. It is hatred and resentment between nations that causes wars, and they are creating hatreds and resentments.

It is distrust that ruins trade—whether international or domestic—and they are inspiring a world-wide distrust for dealing with Americans. What a fine time we're going to have hereafter selling our aircraft and engines abroad, no matter for how innocent a purpose those planes and engines might be used! If we do retain a remnant of our export business, it will be only because our aeronautical products are immensely superior; for all things being equal, you can be sure that, as a result of the defamation heaped upon them by these Senators, those nations in the market for aerial equipment are going to give preference to our competitors.

The worst part about this dastardly performance, however—the ugliest part—is that it's like whipping your child for helping Mother with the household chores. For years, during this administration as well as the last one, the Government has urged the aviation industry to build up its export business. It has preached that an active trade abroad not only would take up the slack in the aviation market at home, but would help accelerate the general economic recovery. It even went so far as to aid and abet the industry in its efforts to sell American aircraft and engines to the nations of the world. And now—like a drunk-crazed father—it turns on the industry and thrashes it for doing the very things it taught it to do. No wonder business in this country is cowering! No wonder industry is afraid to go ahead! No wonder unemployment is mounting!

# Grins and Groans from the Grandstands

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CY CALDWELL

● Douglas Davis, winner of the 1934 Bendix Trophy Race and holder of a new unofficial landplane speed record of 306 miles an hour was well in the lead on the eighth lap of the Thompson Trophy Race when Death flagged him down. With his passing something fine and generous and wholly admirable has gone from aviation; he was, in every sense of the word, a noble gentleman.

No advancement of any science has been made without loss. Human knowledge fails to keep pace with human ambition; and in man's conquest of the air, in his striving for speed and yet more speed, the losses have been appalling. It is only reasonable that we should use every available means to insure that speed should not be too costly.

The present R License issued for racing planes by the U. S. Department of Commerce is a meaningless piece of paper which does no more than afford a pilot the legal right to meet death on a racing course. Certainly it gives him no protection by insuring, through adequate inspection and structural analysis, that

the ship in which he is flying is strong enough to withstand the stresses that inevitably will be imposed upon it in racing flight.

No adverse criticism of the Department of Commerce is intended; their policy regarding experimental and racing airplanes has been a liberal one, and I believe that their liberality has been justified. There is a point, however, beyond which too much liberality becomes a dangerous liability; and such a point now has been reached. When pilots, designers, re-designers, choppers, and changers without number are permitted, almost entirely without benefit of engineering, to insert engines of higher horsepower in airplanes designed originally for a much lower horsepower, then the time has come for the trained experts of the Department to step in and say "Thus far may you go, and no further, in this particular airplane." I pretend to no engineering knowledge outside of the few essentials which experience has given to every old pilot, but it is obvious that an airplane stressed for 500 h.p., is merely another dangerous experiment when an engine of 800 h.p. is inserted and it is hurled sharply around the pylons at speeds far greater and with resultant strains far more severe than those for which the ship originally was designed. In this connection I urge your careful study of the paragraph on safety in his technical article in this issue of AERO DIGEST by Professor Klemin.

On the day after the races some part of the above was discussed by the members of the Professional Racing Pilots' Chapter of the N.A.A., to whose meeting

I was invited by Secretary "Doc" Kincaid. It was recommended by the racing pilots themselves that a sub-committee of the N.A.A. should be appointed to inspect all racing planes and to pass upon their structural fitness or unfitness to enter a race. I have come to the conclusion that their suggestion offers no certain solution of the problem. Any N.A.A. committee, working under the dubious leadership of Hiram Bingham, would be suspected from its inception, and all of its pronouncements inevitably would be the subject of bitter dispute.

Secretary Vidal should take the entire matter under advisement, discuss the problems involved with his technical experts, and then draft new licensing regulations which will insure that these high speed races shall serve to advance the science of aviation and shall not be degraded into a Roman holiday for the sadistic entertainment of morons.

It is easy for the Department and for my good friend Eugene Vidal to dodge this issue; it is even easier for them to pretend to help air racing by drafting drastic control regulations which can serve only to strangle all original design.



Lee Miles' Miles & Atwood Special

## OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE AIR RACES

Pilot and Home Field	Plane	Engine	Cu. In. Displ.	Speed (m.p.h.)	Money
<b>Bendix Transcontinental Speed Dash</b>					
Doug Davis, Atlanta, Ga. . . .	Wedell-Wms.	Wasp	985	216.237	\$4,500
J. A. Worthen, New Orleans, La.	Wedell-Wms.	Wasp	1,344	203.213	2,500



Pilot and Home Field	Plane	Engine	Cu. In. Displ.	Speed (m.p.h.)	Money
<b>Event 1. 375 Cu. In. Displacement</b>					
Lee Miles, San Bernardino, Cal. M. & A. Spl.	Menasco	363	201.767	\$630	
Art Chester, Glenview, Ill. . . . Chester Spl.	Menasco	363	201.027	350	
Earl Ortman, Santa Monica, Cal. Keith-Ryder	Menasco	363	159.063	210	
Joe Jacobson, Kansas City, Mo. Howard	Gypsy	318	157.542	140	
S. J. Wittman, Oshkosh, Wis. Wittman Spl.	Cirrus	349	156.968	70	

<b>Event 2. Shell Speed Dash, 375 Cu. In. Displacement or less</b>					
Lee Miles, San Bernardino, Cal. M. & A. Spl.	Menasco	363	227.947	100	

<b>Event 3. 550 Cu. In. Displacement</b>					
Lee Miles, San Bernardino, Cal. M. & A. Spl.	Menasco	363	206.241	765	
Roger Don Rae, Lansing, Mich. Keith-Ryder	Menasco	544	204.770	425	
Arthur Chester, Glenview, Ill. Chester Spl.	Menasco	363	203.382	255	
Harold Neuman, Moline, Ill. . . Howard	Menasco	489	192.819	170	
Roy Hunt, Oklahoma City, Okla. Howard	Menasco	489	181.311	85	

<b>Event 4. 200 Cu. In. Displacement</b>					
S. J. Wittman, Oshkosh, Wis. . . Popjoy	Popjoy	173	129.440	180	
Willis Kysor, Niles, Mich. . . Rasmussen Spl.	Rasmussen	190	112.523	100	
Art Davis, Lansing, Mich. . . . Houser Spl.	Contin'tal	115	110.944	60	
Clarence McArthur, Miami, Fla. Tilbury Flash	Church	108	102.626	40	

<b>Event 5. 375 Cu. In. Displacement</b>					
Lee Miles, San Bernardino, Cal. M. & A. Spl.	Menasco	363	202.183	630	
Art Chester, Glenview, Ill. . . . Chester Spl.	Menasco	363	199.295	350	
S. J. Wittman, Oshkosh, Wis. . . Wittman Spl.	Cirrus	349	186.603	210	
Earl Ortman, Santa Monica, Cal. Keith-Ryder	Menasco	363	181.196	140	
Joe Jacobson, Kansas City, Mo. Howard	Gypsy	318	159.965	70	

<b>Event 6. Shell Speed Dash, 550 Cu. In. Displacement or less</b>					
Harold Neuman, Moline, Ill. . . Howard	Menasco	489	222.859	150	

The difficult course is to fashion such rulings as will insure that advancement is not retarded, but that will offer some protection to the pilots who fly experimental racing planes. The R license should insure that the planes are structurally right by analysis. At present R merely stands for Risky.

Well, what is there to say about a Henderson Bros. Circus, anyhow? If you've seen one, you've seen them all. The boys are the best showmen in the business, and they become more successful and less popular every year. Eventually some infuriated old pilot, denied a pass, will kill them; and then we'll have to start all over again, and train a new pair. But they *do* put on a great show, and that's all that need concern us. Even the Navy cooperates with them, and the new Naval slogan is, "Join the Navy and work for the Henderson Bros."

They're great boys in their way; yes, sir, in their own peculiar way. It was the best air circus I've seen, and I've seen nearly all of them. We also had a few races here and there, sort of sandwiched in. We had Dick Atcherly in crazy flying, and the Navy imitating Dick Atcherly, when it wasn't miles

away from the field trying to get into formation, which was most of the time. When it came over it was good, though. The Marines were swell, and the Army was simply grand, while the Navy was immense when it finally got to us after fiddling about for hours in the hinterland. The Services made the show, though every act on the civilian bill was a headliner.

Best show act was the U. S. Army Trio, the Men on the Flying Trapeze, Capt. C. L. Chenault, Lt. J. H. Williamson, Lt. Heywood S. Hansell. They had a few more tricks than the Canadian Siskin trio of several years ago, the best trio I had seen up to this year. Next best act was that of Milo Burcham, world's greatest single aerial acrobat, and next to him probably Gerd Achgelis, German stunt artist who flies upside down, like Hitler giving an imitation of normal thinking. The little German has a perfectly square head, and if he had landed on it by mistake I'd have backed it's crash-proof qualities against those of the undercarriage.

Most thrilling act for the crowd undoubtedly was the delayed parachute drop by Clem Sohn and Wayne Wagner. Art Davis and Roy Hunt continue to be the favorite acrobatic duo; their dog-fight is one of the most thrilling events the aviation world has witnessed, and their dual sky-writing is an example of precise airmanship that is a marvel to watch. Al Williams was excellent, of course, and miles ahead of the average aerial acrobat. Roscoe Turner, plus moustache, minus his lion, won the Thompson Trophy and made a new record from



Harold Neuman's Howard racer

coast-to-coast of 10 hours 2½ minutes. For years Roscoe has been trying to live up to the glory of his uniform, and at last he has caught up with it.

A few words more are all I can write, for we must make way for the advertisers who are yearning to thrust me aside and tell you of their wares. A word of praise for the highly-efficient Operations personnel, who ran the events off on time, when stern necessity did not interfere; great praise for Carl Schory and Capt. Underwood and Mr. Cordova of the Timer's Department, for their excellent work, without which the whole races would be timeless and meaningless. And last but not least, let us not forget to praise Jack Story and Barney Capehart at the "mike," whose excellent descriptions made the events intelligible to the crowd and whose sane and witty remarks made a happy contrast to the insane babblings of the idiotic radio announcers who sent a garbled version of the Thompson Trophy Race to a puzzled world, which now probably believes that all of us in aviation are just as crazy as radio announcers. But, of course, that isn't possible.



Roy Minor's Brown Special

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<b>Event 7. 550 Cu. In. Displacement</b>						<b>Event 13. Shell Speed Dash, Unlimited</b>					
Harold Neuman, Moline, Ill.	Howard	Menasco	489	211.553	\$765	Doug Davis, Atlanta, Ga.	Wedell-Wms.	Wasp	2,344	264.794	\$250
Roger Don Rae, Lansing, Mich.	Keith-Ryder	Menasco	544	211.003	425	<b>Event 14. Thompson Trophy Race</b>					
Lee Miles, San Bernardino, Cal. M. & A. Spl.		Menasco	363	203.176	255	Roscoe Turner, Hollywood, Cal. Md.W.-W.Spl.	Hornet	1,690	248.129	4,500	
Arthur Chester, Glenview, Ill.	Chester Spl.	Menasco	363	201.857	170	Roy T. Minor, Hollywood, Cal.	Brown Spl.	Menasco	544	214.929	2,500
S. J. Wittman, Oshkosh, Wis.	Wittman Spl.	Hermies	349	184.697	85	J. A. Worthen, New Orleans, La.	Wedell-W. Spl.	Wasp	985	208.376	1,500
<b>Event 8. 200 Cu. In. Displacement</b>						<b>Shell Qualification Speeds—Group 1—375 Cu. In. Displacement</b>					
S. J. Wittman, Oshkosh, Wis.	Popjoy Spl.	Popjoy	173	113.498	180	Lee Miles, San Bernardino, Cal. M. & A. Spl.	Menasco	363	233.44	350	
Art Davis, Lansing, Mich.	Housser Spl.	Cont'nal	115	111.588	100	Art Chester, Glenview, Ill.	Chester Spl.	Menasco	363	229.715	250
Willis Kysor, Niles, Mich.	Rasmussen Spl.	Rasmn.	190	84.982	60	Earl Ortman, Los Angeles, Cal.	Keith-Ryder	Menasco	363	201.865	150
<b>Event 9. 550 Cu. In. Displacement</b>						<b>Shell Qualification Speeds—Group 2—550 Cu. In. Displacement</b>					
Roy Minor, Hollywood, Cal.	Brown Spl.	Menasco	544	213.257	765	Roy Minor, Hollywood, Cal.	Brown Spl.	Menasco	544	243.145	525
Lee Miles, San Bernardino, Cal. M. & A. Spl.		Menasco	363	203.451	425	Harold Neuman, Moline, Ill.	Howard	Menasco	489	239.623	375
Arthur Chester, Glenview, Ill.	Chester Spl.	Menasco	363	203.030	255	Roger Don Rae, Lansing, Mich.	Keith-Ryder	Menasco	544	235.336	225
S. J. Wittman, Oshkosh, Wis.	Wittman Spl.	Cirrus	349	180.283	170	Lee Miles, San Bernardino, Cal. M. & A. Spl.	Menasco	363	233.44	150	
Roy Hunt, Oklahoma City, Okla.	Howard	Menasco	489	171.851	85	Art Chester, Glenview, Ill.	Chester Spl.	Menasco	363	229.715	75
<b>Event 10. Shell Speed Dash, Unlimited</b>						<b>Shell Qualification Speeds—Group 3—Unlimited</b>					
J. A. Worthen, New Orleans, La.	Wedell-Wms.	Wasp	1,344	302.036	....	Doug Davis, Atlanta, Ga.	Wedell-Wms.	Wasp	1,344	306.215	875
<b>Event 11. 1000 Cu. In. Displacement</b>						<b>Shell Qualification Speeds—Group 3—Unlimited</b>					
Doug Davis, Atlanta, Ga.	Wedell-Wms.	Wasp	985	220.946	765	Roscoe Turner, Hollywood, Cal.	Wedell-Wms.	Hornet	1,690	295.465	625
Walter Wedell, Patterson, La.	Wedell-Wms.	Wasp	985	219.498	425	J. A. Worthen, New Orleans, La.	Wedell-Wms.	Wasp	985	292.141	375
Harold Neuman, Moline, Ill.	Howard	Menasco	489	202.538	255	J. A. Worthen, New Orleans, La.	Wedell-Wms.	Wasp	985	248.913	250
Roy Minor, Hollywood, Cal.	Brown Spl.	Menasco	544	198.906	170	Roy Minor, Hollywood, Cal.	Brown Spl.	Menasco	544	243.145	125
Roger Don Rae, Lansing, Mich.	Keith-Ryder	Menasco	544	198.519	85	<b>Seven trophies and more than \$38,000 were distributed among the winning contestants of which \$37,220 went to the pilots in the airplane group and \$800 to the parachute jumpers.</b>					
<b>Event 12. 375 Cu. In. Displacement</b>											
Lee Miles, San Bernardino, Cal. M. & A. Spl.		Menasco	363	199.752	630						
Arthur Chester, Glenview, Ill.	Chester Spl.	Menasco	363	198.114	350						
S. J. Wittman, Oshkosh, Wis.	Wittman Spl.	Cirrus	349	176.240	210						
Earl Ortman, Santa Monica, Cal.	Keith-Ryder	Menasco	363	159.029	140						
Joe Jacobson, Kansas City, Mo.	Howard	Gypsy	318	155.347	70						

"It is no longer a question of whether it is possible to operate an airline across the Atlantic. Rather, it is a question of which route can be flown now, and in the future, with the highest degree of efficiency."

—COLONEL CHARLES A. LINDBERGH.

## Coordination of Technical Facilities

● Industrial advancement, as any human attainment, is primarily a product of brain and afterwards the result of mechanical accomplishment. Therefore, it is wasteful to concentrate on mechanizations without due regard for mental material. For uninterrupted advancement (independent of the general advancement of science and applied art elsewhere), industrial planning must include provision for adequate training of technical talent as well as the establishment of sound scientific foundation.

Universities and engineering colleges training scientific and technical experts should have Federal aid to enable them to foster and give the best training possible. The academic atmosphere, removed from mercenary interests and imbued with the spirit of pure science, is the proper place for scientific research, however abstract and remote from immediate technical applications.

Subsidies to these institutions would allow them to secure the best talent available, permit improvement in laboratory equipment, provide funds for research work and eliminate the time employed by individuals today on industrial research made necessary by lack of Federal funds. Such subsidies would create seats of knowledge, assuring the country of a definite number of highly-trained and competent scientists. Besides, it would make it possible for students to get the best obtainable training under the most capable guidance.

This would provide for the mental background of the industry. The next step is the more practical applied technical information.

Research and studies are at present scattered among the NACA, Bureau of Standards, Army, Navy and industrial laboratories (since 1929 averaging almost a million dollars a year). In addition to the complexity and lack of uniformity from these sources of information, different Government agencies issue specifications and rules varying in their requirements and sometimes differing only in the form of required presentation. It is an accepted fact that Army and Navy methods of technical procedure invariably differ. To avoid multiplicity of effort, obtain uniformity and standardization, and to use Government funds advantageously, the various organizations deal-

ing in the aeronautics should be merged into a single national organization. As a matter of fact, funds now allotted to the NACA would be sufficient to carry on the work of the new national organization.

Universities and engineering colleges for aeronautics should create a properly-equipped and complete nucleus of scientists and research workers whose sole interest would be the advancement of scientific studies and general research. The national organization for aeronautics should be formed for more practical uses—to supply technical and engineering material in a form in which it can be immediately applied for practical uses. This seems particularly desirable since the Government controls the construction and use of all aircraft.

### Functions of the National Organization

With these factors in mind, this national organization, employing competent men to correlate and put into practically applicable form the results of scientific investigation and general research carried out at the universities, would furnish information on methods, specifications, rules and standards. It would also keep informed of experimental research along applied lines. As it is the practice at present, the organization would make available the information by medium of published reports some of which would be available for general distribution, while others (in view of their importance in national defense) would be confidential and distributed only through the Army and Navy.

The facilities offered by a central organization could be offered for a nominal fee in the case of manufacturing firms, while inventors whose ideas were favorably passed upon by a committee, would be rendered services without any fee being charged.

Government agencies such as the Army, Navy and Department of Commerce, would have their sources of information centralized in this organization, thus resulting in uniformity and economy.

It will be interesting to see if the Federal Aviation Commission will give consideration to such a plan as outlined here—a plan which will not meet with the favor of politically-minded "scientists," but destined to give the aeronautical industry the technical help it needs in an immediately useful form.

## Protection From Aerial Attack

● The following report was issued from the General Headquarters of the "Blue Forces" of the Army engaged in a "typewriter and paper" war:

"Black bombardment missions at dawn today again raided New York City and Washington, the enemy continuing his efforts to demoralize the civilian population and to terrorize the industrial area behind the front lines of the defending Blue Forces. Many buildings were destroyed, piers wrecked and the population was in a terror-stricken state, fleeing and choking the main roads, already crowded with refugees. Another Black squadron bombed two fields and destroyed many planes; the invaders are intent on demoralizing the population, and because of their air superiority are operating almost without check."

It requires no great stretch of the imagination to realize that such events could easily become an actuality in a war between the United States and any foreign power having a superior air force. It is generally recognized that in the strength of our aerial fighting forces we rank only fourth or fifth compared with other nations.

The maneuvering capacity and the striking power of the air arm considerably exceeds that of military land forces, and since an enemy's spirit could be broken by means of air attacks against centers of population, definite steps must be taken to alleviate or eradicate the possibility of such attacks on this country.

Every war always presents different aspects from the one preceding it, because of changed ideas about tactics and because of new technical developments. But this change has never been so radical as will be seen in future conflict as a result of the development following in the wake of the World War, which brought military and naval air troops into a separate and autonomous air force, with its potentialities for attack upon enemy country.

The question of disarmament is slowly being pushed into the background, for protection and security are becoming of increasing importance. England plans to double her fighting forces of the air. So does France and Italy. Other countries have the desire to do likewise. It is useless to think that any country will reduce or curtail its air force under such conditions as these.



# Piloting for Profit

A. L. McCULLOUGH

● Transport aviation can continue the remarkable progress it has made in recent years by conducting its business with the greatest possible efficiency. Present economic factors, such as the recent drastic reductions in air mail compensation, increasing competition from ground transportation, and the generally low level of business activity, make the utmost economy of operation more necessary than ever before.

Economy in the air transport business demands efficiency in every branch; not only in the accounting, maintenance, purchasing and traffic departments, but in every division of the operations department as well. Up to the present, comparatively little attention has been given to the economic aspect of that part of operations dealing with the actual flying of planes. It has been customary in the past, and particularly among the smaller operators, to look upon flying costs as fixed and unalterable and to leave the pilots somewhat unsupervised and unquestioned as to the costliness of their individual flying, notwithstanding the fact that the flying costs constitute a very large part of the total cost of air transport operation.

Although strict limiting regulations are enforced by the transport companies, as well as by the U. S. Department of Commerce and corresponding departments in foreign countries, there is, nevertheless, a wide latitude within which good judgment or a lack of judgment may be shown in the way the pilot operates his plane. For example, in doubtful weather the pilot who has no instructions to the contrary, must know when to go through and when to turn back and land. Under similar circumstances, in good weather he must decide at what altitude to fly and at what speed to cruise. He can approach a field and land in such a way as to keep the passengers comfortable or so as to make them decidedly uneasy, and on the ground he can operate his craft so as to cause minimum or maximum wear and tear on the engines and plane parts.

It might be pointed out that varying changes of weather and condition of terrain and equipment cause deviations from the fixed methods usually practiced in the general order of transport operations.

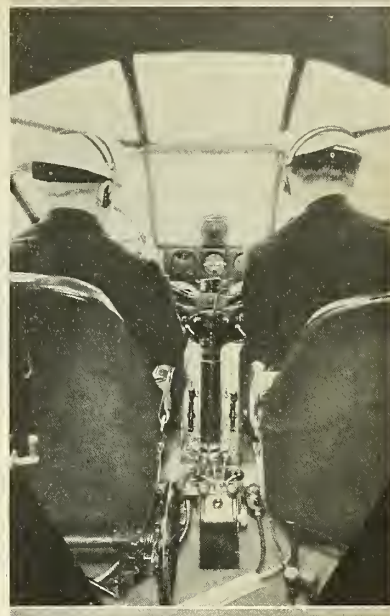
In these and many other details of airplane operation there are opportunities for the exceptional pilot to further the cause of economy. Although some pilots are fully aware of these opportunities and always devote their efforts toward efficiency and economy, nevertheless many pilots, even some with many years of

**It is probable that many pilots will characterize the observations in this article as self-evident and elementary, and it is hoped that to most transport pilots they are. Nevertheless, many of the ideas discussed are certainly not universal practice, and are presented in the hope of aiding in air transport development and in increasing the economy of travel by air.**

experience, can show great improvement in this particular. This condition may be due in some cases to a spirit of indifference to the company's business, but, more often the thought may never have occurred to the pilot or it never may have been called to his attention. However, most pilots are fully aware of the fact that their flying is a most important part of their company's activities and they therefore count themselves an integral part of the entire picture.

The pilot in operating his plane, controls a great many factors which make either for economy or extravagance, and the most important single factors in this respect is the regulation of engine speed. On the ground considerable harm can be done to engines by insufficient warming up in cool or cold weather. Many pilots warm up their engines too quickly. They do not take off with cold engines, yet they arrive at a sufficiently high oil temperature without proper allowance of time for a thorough circulation of warm oil thru the entire engine. Engine failures at take-off due to cold engines are rare, but more engine wear is due to insufficient warming up than is commonly realized. In warming up the engines, it is also necessary that the wind direction be taken into account. With the plane "tailing" into the wind, dust and sand and even small pebbles and cinders may be blown into the propellers and air intakes, damaging both the propellers and the interior of the engine. And regardless of the wind direction, if engines are run up over loose cinders, gravel, or sand, small particles may be blown up, damaging the propeller blades.

The handling of throttles is important; suddenly opening and closing them places excess strain on the engine, particularly on gear trains and superchargers. In taxiing, some pilots have a jerky manipulation of outboard engines of multi-motored planes. The same taxiing speed can be achieved with less wear on engines and more comfort to passengers by smooth operation of all throttles together with a vigorous rudder action.



In the take-off, engines are run wide open for a few seconds but may be throttled down soon after leaving the ground, thus cutting down the wide open operation of the engines to a few seconds at each take-off. To allow engines to run wide open for a long time in climbing results in an unnecessary amount of wear, especially at the first take-off of the daily schedule, when the oil temperature is not as high as that maintained at usual cruising speeds. Unnecessary racing of engines in the air increases the fuel consumption while after landing, if the switches are cut quickly (particularly when engines are hot) it is liable to cause damage to the valves and to the gear trains if the engine back fires.

Every plane has one most economical engine speed with regard to gasoline consumed per mile per hour of air speed. This varies somewhat with the load but it is usually considerably below the speed accepted as the best cruising speed. The pilot should know the most efficient engine speed for his plane and at what r.p.m. an appreciable increase in fuel consumption is shown. This should be kept in mind so as to cruise at an increased rate only when absolutely necessary. For example, on a two-hour flight, if the plane is cruised for one hour at 50 r.p.m. less than is necessary to maintain the schedule, the engine speed during the last hour will probably have to be increased more than 100 r.p.m., to make up the lost time. This is due to the fact that a greater fuel consumption is paid for an increase of speed near the plane's top speed and for that reason the excess fuel consumed in making up lost time is con-

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*Night view of Shushan Airport's administration building as seen from the field, its architectural beauty accentuated by floodlighting*

## A Modern Airport and Its Lighting

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● With the opening of the \$3,000,000 Shushan Airport, the city of New Orleans added to the list of American air terminals one of the finest combined land and water facilities in the country. Constructed under the auspices of the Orleans Levee Board and named after the board president, Mr. A. L. Shushan, the airport is part of the Lake Front Development along five miles of the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

The airport site was created out of a submerged area, along the lake shore, six miles from the City Hall, offering the advantages of easy visibility from the air, accessibility, excellent facilities for seaplanes and non-interference with city street development.

The construction of the landing area involved some novel engineering features. The retaining wall was made of concrete sheet piling driven to resistance

and braced against a duplicate parallel wall in deep water and against timber piling in shallow water. To minimize the thrust of the hydraulic fill of which the landing area was to be constructed, a back-fill of oyster shells was applied to the retaining wall. Where the water depth exceeded eight feet, protection against wave action was provided by a hydraulic clay fill covered by two alternate layers of willow mats and stone ballast, all submerged and extending outward 60 feet in a gradual slope.

The area enclosed by the retaining wall was filled with clay and sand pumped from the lake bed, graded so that the space between the two converging runways and the retaining wall is drained toward the wall, while the center area is drained by concrete pipe lines leading to the city drainage system.

### Runways

The physical conditions of the field limited the material for the runways to a resilient one which would "give" when the field subsided. After testing various mixtures, one was selected consisting of 60 per cent hot asphalt and 40 per cent of a commercial bituminous binder. The surfacing is four inches thick, comprising four 100-foot runways approximately 3,900 feet, 3,500 feet, 3,200 feet and 3,100 feet long, respectively. Since the light reflection of the material is very low, crushed oyster shells are rolled into the surface, giving it a light color which increases the effectiveness of the field floodlighting system. The layout of the runways is such that the longest is aligned with the prevailing wind, from the southeast; the others are orientated to conform with the other cardinal compass directions.

### Administration Building

The central structure of the port's housing facilities is the 80 by 300-foot Administration Building which comprises a combination of modern architectural design with the utilitarian facilities required. Its outstanding feature is the glass-enclosed Control Tower which rises from the field side of the building and offers an unobstructed view in all directions.

After darkness the architectural beauty of the Administration Building is revealed by floodlights mounted on ornamental brackets and standards at eight different points. Lighting for the ground area around the building is obtained by pendant fixtures suspended from the brackets, using ten 500-watt floodlights, twelve 1,000-watt floodlights and twelve 300-watt pendant units. Separate multiple distribution circuits supply the floodlights and the pendant units.

The waiting room, extending two floors in height with a mezzanine balcony, occupies the center of the structure. The marble walls and terrazo floor are in warm color tones, and a sculptural frieze around the walls depicts the development of the airplane and steps in its production. Lighting is provided by luminous panels in the main ceiling and under the mezzanine balcony, supplemented by a modernistic fixture in the center. The dining room is also beautifully decorated, extending two stories in height and lighted by luminous ceiling panels.

Other facilities include accommodations for passengers and pilots, a field hospital, administrative offices and spaces for the U. S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Customs and Immigration.



**Floodlights and tip-over cone**

### Hangars and Seaplane Dock

At present two 200 by 100-foot hangars have been completed, one on either side of the Administration Building, and space is available for future hangars, which will be duplicates of the present ones. The doors open on an apron at right angles to the taxi strip, having a clear opening throughout the length of the building. Each hangar includes shops, office space and facilities for the personnel, while an extension to one unit houses the transformer, switch room and steam boilers; the other contains the ambulance and other vehicles.

The hangar walls are illuminated by 200-millimeter, 180-degree Fresnel lens floodlights mounted on the walls near the roof and equipped with 1,000-watt Mazda floodlight lamps.

At the east end of the field is a seaplane ramp, leading from a dredged channel in the lake, with space on the shore for hangars. Although no lighting equipment is as yet installed, power and control cables have been laid to supply future requirements.

### Revolving and Code Beacon

A 36-inch double-ended beacon, similar to those used on the Federal airways, is mounted on a tower on the hangar roof.

The light source is a single 1,000-watt, 115-volt Mazda bipost base beacon lamp

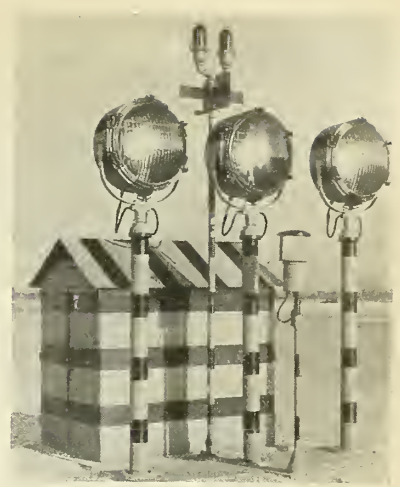
mounted at the center of the drum. The optical system at both ends of the beacon is the same, consisting of an inner double lens and an outer sectional lens assembly. The beam candlepower is approximately 1,800,000 and the spread  $4\frac{1}{2}$  degrees. The speed of rotation is 3 r.p.m., giving a flash of .25 second duration every 10 seconds. An automatic lamp-changer is provided.

The auxiliary beacon, flashing the code letters "SA," is the standard 300-millimeter Fresnel lens unit consisting of two 360-degree lens sections, each with a 500-watt, PS-40 bulb prefocused base Mazda lamp and a green color screen. The code flashes are produced by a cam-operated mercury switch in the base of the revolving beacon.

### Field Floodlighting

In conformity with its other advanced engineering features, Shushan Airport employs a unique system of floodlighting chosen after careful consideration of all the methods and equipment available.

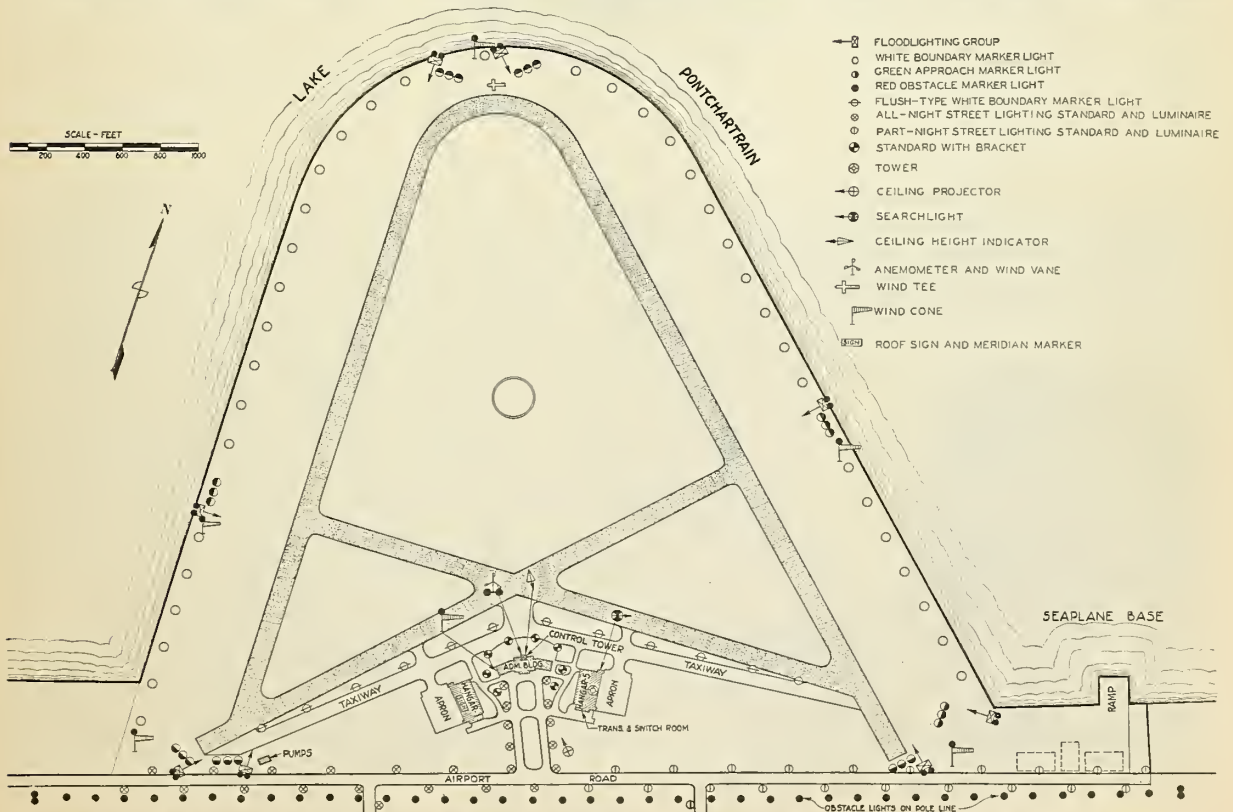
It has been intimated that the selection of the hard-surface runway type of field was based on the desire to insure a firm surface for landing and take-off at all times and under all conditions. What is more logical then, than to make the operations during darkness independent of the wind directions by providing a



Group of landing field floodlights

universal lighting system, controlled by the operator in the control tower, giving the pilots lighting exactly in conformity with their needs? This would mean a separate group of lights at each end of each runway, located beyond the boundary and projecting their light in the direction in which the plane will land. Such a system has been installed at the Shushan Airport.

Each of the eight floodlight groups



Diagrammatic plan showing complete layout of lighting equipment and facilities at Shushan Airport, New Orleans, Louisiana

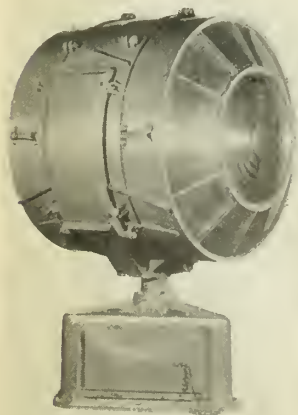
consists of three Type CAG-25 Landing Field Floodlights, all similar except that two are equipped with 25-degree horizontal spread lenses and one with a plain lens. The latter produces a narrow beam of high candlepower for illuminating the distant end of the runway to a high intensity. The units are of cast aluminum, with parabolic precision mirrored glass reflector, a 3,000-watt, 32-volt Mazda lamp and a system of louvers mounted inside the door to cut off upward stray light.

The three 25-inch floodlights are supplemented by a fourth unit consisting of a 240-millimeter, 180-degree Fresnel lens floodlight equipped with a 30-volt, 30-ampere Mazda Projection lamp. This unit gives wide lateral light distribution to illuminate the foreground.

Power is supplied to the floodlight groups through an underground cable at 2,300-volts, single phase. At the rear of each group, there is a small steel shed, in which is installed an RCOC oil switch in the primary circuit to a 10 Kv.a. transformer. The latter is designed with a 32-volt secondary, and feeds the four floodlights through individual fused switches. Each oil switch is operated from the Control Desk through underground cable pilot circuits.

#### Field Marker and Obstruction Lighting

Each of the boundary and approach marker lights is mounted on a sheet steel "tip over" cone equipped with four radial wings for greater visibility, and painted in black and yellow stripes. The Flush Type Disconnects consist of a cast iron receptacle with a circular support ring which fits over the small end of a length of 10-inch sewer tile set vertically in the ground, forming a vault below the receptacle. The bases of the marker cones fit over the top of the disconnect, and are provided with spring clips to hold them in place against wind pressure. When



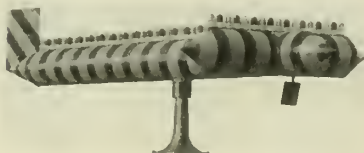
Double-end revolving beacon

struck a sharp blow, however, this snaps out.

The receptacle is provided with a porcelain disconnecting pothead, the cap of which is wired to the marker light, pulling out when the cone is knocked over. The circuit to the remainder of the units on the circuit is uninterrupted, and a cover on the pothead receptacle closes to exclude dirt and moisture.

The boundary along the building side of the field is marked by Flush Type Marker lights, consisting of watertight heavy glass lens floodlights set flush with the field surface.

The marker circuit is of the 6.6 ampere straight series type, supplied by underground cable connected to a 10 Kv.a., 2,300-volt constant current transformer. The primary circuit is also controlled by an RCOC oil switch operated from the Control Desk. The 36 boundary marker lights are equipped with white globes and 600 lumen lamps, while the 24 approach lights at the runway ends have green globes and 1,000 lumen, 6.6 ampere lamps. The 12 Flush Type markers are equipped with plain lenses and 600 lumen lamps.



Illuminated wind tee

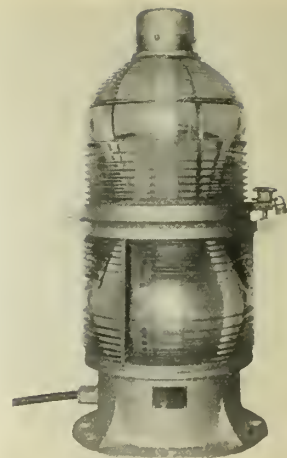
The airport is unusually free of obstructions and those which do exist are adequately marked. A telephone pole line along the south side of the field is marked by 38 single and two duplex series locking-type lights with guards, supplied by an underground series circuit connected to a 5 Kv.a. constant current transformer. The primary circuit is controlled by an RCOC oil switch operated from the Control Desk. Similar duplex marker lights are installed on pipe standards at each of the eight field floodlight groups, being connected in the series boundary circuit. All series obstacle lights are equipped with 1,000 lumen, 6.6 ampere series Mazda lamps.

The buildings are marked by multiple screw-globe type obstacle lights with 60-watt Mazda lamps.

#### Wind Tee, Wind Cones and Searchlight

To indicate the direction and approximate velocity of the wind, a wind tee and wind cones have been installed.

The former consists of lengths of sheet iron tubing in the shape of a large letter T, pivoted on a shaft near the front. Its top is outlined with 29 white, green and red 25-watt marker lights, each color on a separate circuit. A wind pressure vane on the tee is mechanically connected to three switches so that as the



Auxiliary airport beacon

wind velocity increases, the white, green and red lights are successively turned on, thus indicating the approximate velocity.

Six wind cones are located on pipe standards at various points on the airport. The cones are the standard Department of Commerce type, 12 feet long, 3 feet in diameter at the throat and 12 inches in diameter at the tail, mounted on ring supports free to turn on the pipe standard. Illumination is provided by four angle reflectors with 100-watt Mazda lamps, mounted on arms extending from a red marker light on the top. The five cones located in the field and the wind tee, remote from a 115-volt source, are supplied by transformers connected in the series marker circuit and designed with 115-volt secondaries. The sixth cone, mounted on the Administration Building, is supplied directly from the Control Desk.

A 16-inch incandescent searchlight is mounted on one of the hangar pylons and the beam directed to the seaplane base at the east side of the field, where it indicates the location of the landing basin. The unit may also be manually controlled.

The searchlight is equipped with a parabolic mirrored glass primary reflector, secondary reflector, flat polished cover glass and a 30-volt, 30-ampere Mazda Projection lamp. The beam candlepower is more than two million and the beam divergence five degrees, while a transformer reduces the line voltage to that required by the lamp.

#### Ceiling Projector and Alidade

At Shushan Airport a convenient and accurate method for measuring the ceiling is used. The ceiling projector is mounted on a pipe standard about 500 feet from the Administration Building and tilted upward, toward the Control Tower, at an angle of 63° 26'. The ceiling height is then measured directly by means of the Alidade mounted at the

Control Tower, this instrument consisting of a free-turning periscopic sighting tube. A pointer on the tube indicates the ceiling height on a graduated scale.

The ceiling projector is a 16-inch unit with parabolic mirrored glass primary reflector, secondary reflector and flat polished cover glass. A 12-volt, 35-ampere Mazda Airplane Headlight lamp is used, producing a beam of three million candlepower. A transformer reduces the line voltage to that required by the lamp.

#### Traffic Control

When necessary to signal to planes in flight, either during the day or night, an advanced type of light-weight portable projector is used, comprising a 50 cp., 6-8 volt Mazda Auto Headlight lamp at the focal point of a primary and secondary reflector, with trigger-operated color screens to produce white, red or green light.

The signal is discernible for distances to 15 miles at night or 10 miles during the day.

The operator in the Control Tower can determine the direction and the velocity of the wind at any time. On the Control Desk are two instruments about the size of auto speedometers, one with a compass face and a pointer indicating the wind direction, and the other graduated to 90 miles per hour indicating the velocity. Both instruments are electrically operated by a combination anemometer and wind vane mounted on the Control Tower. The anemometer is the standard Weather Bureau 3-cup type, connected to a magneto which actuates the velocity meter on the desk. The wind vane shaft is connected to a position indicating



Anemometer and wind vane on control tower

transmitter, the exact position of which is followed by the pointer of the wind direction meter on the desk.

The meters for the indication of wind direction and velocity are placed on the lighting Control Desk because they play an important part in the operation of the field floodlighting system.

#### Other Lighting

The driveways leading to the public highway are illuminated by 48 Octagonal Lantern luminaires equipped with refractors and 6,000 lumen, 6.6 ampere series Mazda lamps. The fixtures are mounted on single-light ornamental standards and supplied by underground cable circuits from the transformer room, where two 10 K.v.a. constant current

transformers are installed, one to supply the part-night circuit and the other the all-night circuit. Both are controlled by RCOC oil switches in the primary circuits, which are operated from the Control Desk.

An exposed-lamp type sign reading "SHUSHAN AIRPORT NEW ORLEANS" is on the roof of Hangar No. 1. Illumination is provided by 686 twenty-five-watt Mazda lamps. A meridian marker is also provided, consisting of an arrow and the letter "N," illuminated by 98 twenty-five-watt lamps.

#### Lighting Control Desk

The operation of all lighting circuits is centralized in a special Control Desk in the Control Tower. The top panel of the desk, 32 inches square, slopes forward slightly to permit convenient access to and visibility of the apparatus, and is at a height which gives the operator an unobstructed view of the field. The desk top and sides are of sheet steel, the terminal board, fuse panels and relays being accessibly mounted on the inside.

A distinctive feature of the desk is the miniature airport runway plan, inlaid in metal foil on a sheet of micarta and mounted on the desk top. On the field plan are also mounted the wind velocity meter and the wind direction meter, actuated by the anemometer and wind vane discussed previously. At the end of each runway is a green Minalite to indicate when the floodlight group at that point is on. The proximity of the wind direction meter to the field plan enables the operator to tell at a glance which is the correct group of floodlights.



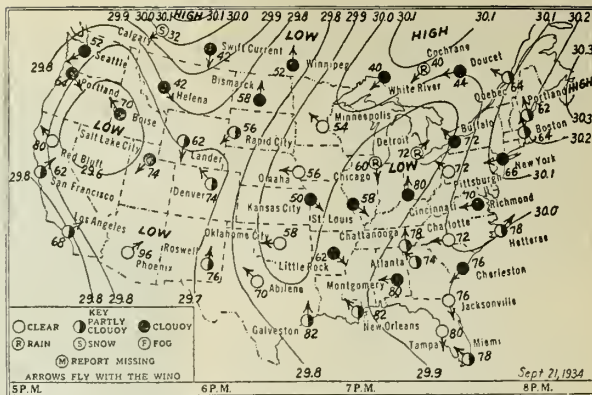
Lighting control desk (right) and radio equipment (left) in the control tower at Shushan Airport

# Weather Map Reading For the Private Flier

NORMAN J. CLARK

While the Department of Commerce does not require a knowledge of meteorology in its examinations for a Private Pilot License, it is undoubtedly true that many non-commercial fliers have at one time or another, wished that they had a little experience in the reading of a synoptic weather map, and in the proper use of the weather reports given over the radio facilities of the Department. Without an understanding, however meager, of the nature of line squalls, high and low pressure areas, dewpoint, principal cloud forms, and so on, the extensive network of teletype, weather observation, beacon, and radio communication stations maintained at the expense of the government is wasted for the pilot in question.

On the regular Weather Bureau map will be found a series of long lines, generally extending from North to South, approximately. Some of these lines are dotted ones, with a figure in degrees at each end. These are Isotherms, connecting points of equal temperature. As the dewpoint is only of interest when the temperature is known, it is well to watch these isotherms, their general direction, and the temperatures indicated by them. The solid lines are Isobars, and they connect points of equal barometric pressure.



United States Weather Bureau Map published in the New York Times showing the weather over the nation on September 21, 1934. Such charts are prepared daily from data collected at 8 p.m. (E.S.T.) and the figures opposite cities show temperature at that hour

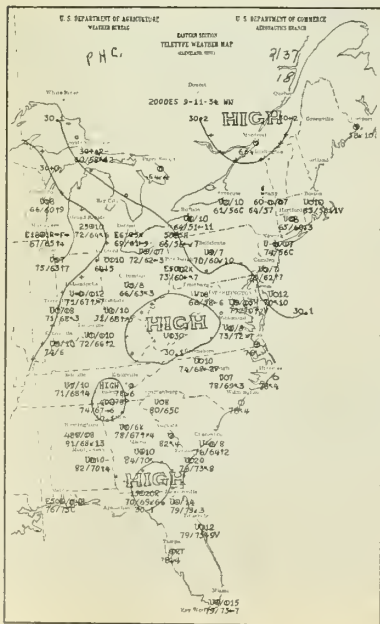
The barometer reading for each line is shown at the top and bottom of the isobar.

Scattered through the map are small circles with arrows through them. The arrow points in the direction of the wind, and the shading of the circle, or the initial in it, indicates the general state of the weather at that point. For instance, an R in the circle shows that it was raining at the locality in question at the time the map was made up. An S means snow, and when the circle is completely blacked out, a cloudy condition is meant. A half-shaded circle shows partly cloudy, and a clear sky is indicated by no shading. This information should be consulted whenever the pilot is plotting a cross-country course, in order that he may avoid any meteorological disturbances, which he might otherwise run into inadvertently. Radio is a necessary adjunct to long-range flying, but its utility

is tremendously increased when its user is acquainted with the intricacies of meteorology.

A line squall, often as much as two hundred miles in width, is a rapid air movement, or high wind, accompanied by a long line of very dark clouds. It usually brings violent rain or hail, a change of wind directions and velocities, and a drop in temperature. It is indicated on the weather map by the V-shaped isobars. A line drawn through the points of the isobar "V"s is the line of the squall, which is usually in an East-West direction. High pressure areas are places of high barometric pressure. The winds follow the isobars outward in a clockwise direction, and they move

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Teletype weather map, shown in reduced size, and explanation of the symbols approximately as shown on map

## EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

**Ceiling (given in hundreds of feet):** "U" indicates unlimited; "E" indicates estimated.

**Sky (given in symbols):** O, clear; O, scattered clouds; O, broken clouds; O, overcast; F+, dense fog. Slant mark (/) immediately following symbol indicates "high", i. e., the clouds are 10,000 feet or higher above the surface; absence of slant mark indicates all clouds observed are below 10,000 feet, i. e., "lower". Combinations with or without slant mark are used as follows:

- ⊕/⊕ (High overcast, lower broken clouds.)
- ⊕/⊔ (High overcast, lower scattered clouds.)
- ⊕/⊕ (High broken, lower broken clouds.)
- ⊕/⊔ (High broken, lower scattered clouds.)
- ⊕/⊕ (High scattered, lower broken clouds.)
- ⊕/⊔ (High and lower scattered clouds.)
- ⊕/⊕ (Overcast, lower broken clouds.)
- ⊕/⊕ (Overcast, lower scattered clouds.)
- ⊕/⊕ (Broken, lower broken clouds.)
- ⊕/⊕ (Broken, lower scattered clouds.)
- ⊕/⊕ (Scattered, lower broken clouds.)
- ⊕/⊕ (Scattered, lower scattered clouds.)

A dash (—) preceding the symbol indicates "thin", e. g., —⊕, high thin overcast. A plus sign (+) preceding the symbol indicates "dark", e. g., +⊕, dark overcast. The slant mark is not used with the "clear" or "dense fog" symbols.

**Visibility (given in miles).**

**General Conditions (given in symbols):** R, rain; FRR, freezing rain; SP, sprinkling; MI, mist; SL, sleet; HL, hail; S, snow; T, thunderstorm; F, fog; GF, ground fog; H, haze; K, smoky; D, dusty. + or — indicates degree of intensity, e. g., R—, light rain; R, moderate rain; R+, heavy rain; K, smoky; K+, thick smoke, etc.

**Temperatures (given in degrees Fahrenheit).**

**Depression of Dewpoint (given in number of degrees Fahrenheit below current temperature, when the depression is less than 10°):** Indicated by a minus sign (—) and the proper number immediately following the temperature; thus, 70—5 means temperature 70°, dew point depression, 5°; 55—0 means temperature 55°, dew point depression 0°, etc.

**Wind Directions:** Indicated by arrows flying with the wind, as follows:

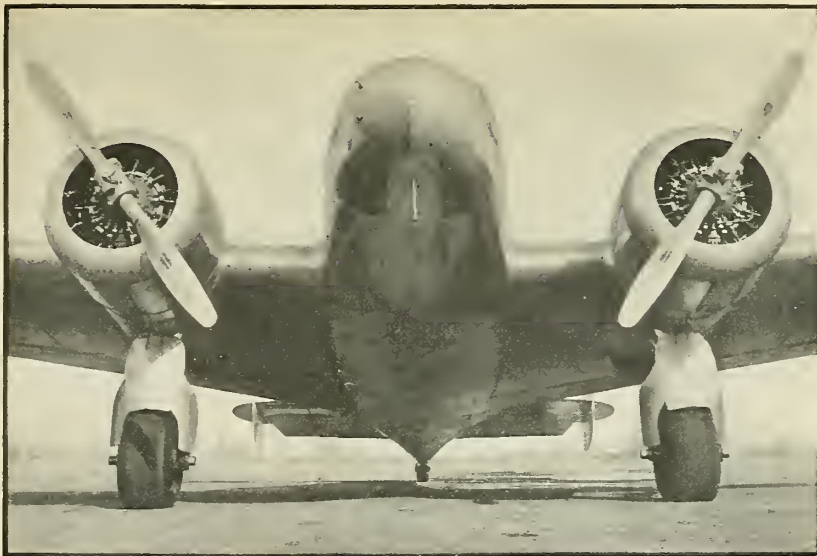
- ↖ South
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- East
- ↙ Southwest
- ↖ Northwest
- ↗ Northeast
- ↘ Southeast
- ↙ South Southwest
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- ↗ North Northeast
- ↘ East Southeast
- ↙ West Southwest
- ↖ North Northwest
- ↗ East Northeast
- ↘ South Southeast

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**Wind Velocity (given in miles per hour):** G, gusty.  
Example: E18⊕/⊕4R—  
65—2/20G

**Explanation:** Ceiling, estimated, 1,800 ft. Sky, high overcast, lower broken clouds. Visibility, 4 miles. General Conditions, light rain, light fog.

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# Personalities



● IT IS not merely my opinion but is also the opinion of every pilot with whom I discussed the matter at the National Air Races that Milo Burcham is the most daring, the most original, and the most finished stunt pilot whom we have yet witnessed twisting a high-powered airplane into unusual positions. He did everything with a Boeing 100 except completely disassemble it—and he even may do that before he gets through. But I hope not. He is a fine young man, quiet, modest, unassuming, thankful for the interest and admiration of the crowd because it helps him in his profession of flying, but entirely unspoiled by it. He feels that he is just another pilot with the happy knack of being able to place an airplane in positions where he thinks it ought to be for entertainment purposes, and where an old conservative like myself regards it with a sort of dumb and dubious wonder, unable to figure out why it hangs there.

Incidentally, I have had a change of opinion on the matter of stunting. It is not that stunting has changed, or has become any safer, but aviation in general has progressed to a point of specialization where losses through stunting, racing, or hazardous long-distance flying no longer are a debit against airline or private flying, as they undoubtedly have been in the past. The public now understands that racing and stunting bear about the same relation to airline and private flying that automobile racing at Indianapolis bears to the automobile business. However, I don't recommend stunting to the average pilot; it requires a higher degree of skill, judgment, nerve-control, and fearlessness than 99 per cent of us possess. The sad part of it is that many misguided young men have found that out just a moment before they hit the ground; and then it was too late to do anything about it.

Milo Burcham, who inspired that old philosopher, Frank McKay, to remark that, "The heavens are being torn asunder by a shrieking mass of man and metal," was born in May, 1903, at New-castle, Ind., the seat of the Indiana Village for Epileptics, which may or may not have had an effect on his flying. Until he was nine Milo lived on a farm, a barefoot boy happy in the placid companionship of contented cows, potato bugs, corn borers and other peaceful

*by Caldwell*

adornments of the rural regions, including cinch bugs. In 1912 his family moved to California, finally settling at Whittier. At the age of 24 Milo knew his fellow Californians well enough to enable him to select a useful and profitable occupation among those people: he started out selling burglar alarms, which were in great demand. Lloyd O'Donnell, of Long Beach, bought a burglar alarm and paid for it by giving Milo flying instruction. He finished his course in May, 1928, and soloed at Fullerton, Cal., then went to work in the oil fields to earn enough money to build up 200 hours' solo and to get married. It was easier to get married than to get the 200 hours; Milo got married first and got his transport license a year later. He also gradually collected two boys, Gary aged four and Vance aged 8 months.

His first flying job was as instructor at O'Donnell's School of Aviation, where he remained for several months, then became associated with G. A. Day at the Long Beach field. In January, 1933, he bought a Bird and started in the instruction game himself; but it was not until the 1933

National Air Races in Los Angeles that he became interested in stunting commercially. He purchased a Fleet and started in with that, being inspired, of all things, to break the inverted flying record of Tito Falconi of Italy. He broke Falconi's record on August 8, 1933, by flying from San Diego to Los Angeles in 1 hour 47 minutes. The following day Falconi set another record—2 hours 8 minutes; and next week the bold Milo flew 2 hours 20 minutes. Then Falconi flew inverted from St. Louis, Mo., to Joliet, Ill., in 3 hours 6 minutes, while Milo was on his way to Hartford to take delivery of his Boeing 100. On December 29 in that ship he set another record for inverted flight of 4 hours 5 minutes 22 seconds, which still stands. He had installed the motor upside down so that it was in normal position when the plane was inverted! How much simpler it would be to get a Beechcraft, pull up the wheels, and merely *look* as though you were upside down.

"While flying this time," he writes, "I pumped 40 gallons of gasoline with a wobble pump. This is a job in an upright position. Imagine how it is upside down! Most people feel that this type of flying is foolish and futile, but so are most games or sports that test skill and endurance. To my mind it does prove that a standard commercial plane is extremely well built when it will stand the extra stress put upon it by inverted flying. . . There is an element of risk in stunting, but I try to combine caution with my stunting and allow for a definite margin of safety. I always try to keep myself physically fit, and be prepared in that way to meet any difficulty that might arise."

That he always does surmount the dangers of his remarkable type of flying is my most sincere wish, for he is not only an excellent pilot but a very, very good egg of whom Indiana and California well may feel proud. In praising Milo Burcham for his work I wish to make it plain that I intend no invidious comparison with the work of any other aerial stunt artist, for it really is impossible fairly to compare the performance of different pilots in greatly different types of airplanes. In the glorious absurdity of his "crazy" flying, for example, Dick Atcherly was far ahead of Burcham in

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Milo Burcham at home in his ship



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his 1932 exhibition; about even with him in his 1934 show when he handicapped himself by sitting on the fuselage and trying to control the Curtiss Fledgeling with an elongated stick. In his Bird, Milo, with the exception of his act of picking up a handkerchief, was a poor second to Atcherly at his best—which we did not see this year. Also in his inverted flying at low altitudes Burcham was no competitor of Gerd Achgelis in his little Focke-Wulf, which is really a powered glider, and which gives him a decided advantage in this form of flying. So it goes—you really can't compare the work of these pilots, for it is so individual, so different. As an aerial act to thrill the crowd, however, I'll back Milo Burcham against the field.



● IN PRESENTING to my six readers pilot Elmer G. Dyer, Third Vice-President of the American Society of Cinematographers, I feel impelled to comment on the way the world has moved along since the time of Queen Victoria, an account of whose life I have just been reading. A decade or so before the turn of the century the good Queen gave a dinner to a few choice spirits at Balmoral Castle. One-eyed Connolly tried to crash the gate but was thrown out, after which the dinner went along in a sedate and stodgy manner. In commenting on the world at large, the Prime Minister declared that science and invention had reached their ultimate height; Lord Fuddydud said that by studying his geography he had discovered that the sun never set on the British Empire, while Lady Plushbottom hazarded the opinion that society now had jelled and that there would be no more social changes. "The Victorian era," she concluded, "is the eventual era. There will be no others."

"Well, I don't know," replied Queen Victoria, tossing a fish to the Lord Privy Seal, who was balancing a ball on the end of his nose for the entertainment of the diners. "You can't judge a chicken by the parsley round the dish; and you can't judge eternity by an era. You never can tell what will turn up where, or when. Pass the carrots."

Well Sir, at the very moment the Queen was speaking, who turned up in Kansas City, Mo., but Elmer Dyer, as an infant. The expression, "Where's Elmer?" undoubtedly started with him, once he could walk. He was always on the go, and still is. To give him more room the family moved to a ranch near Amarillo, Texas, at which interesting town young Elmer imbibed a modicum of education. In Texas there is a lot of land and sky, without much else to look at, so Elmer looked at the land and the sky and used to wonder what it would



Camera shot by Elmer Dyer

be like to fly above the clouds, as in 1905 or so an early wandering pilot had flown at a fair in Amarillo and had set the youthful Elmer's imagination to working. It was the only thing about Elmer that worked. In 1906 the family moved to Los Angeles, taking Elmer along and actually setting him to work at ornamental glasswork, at which he became an expert, turning out leaded glass windows for churches and ornamental glass designs for bars, thus taking care of two human spiritual needs at one fell swoop. When they get around to casting medals for those who have aided the human uplift, they should knock off two for Elmer.

Well, this sort of thing went on for years and years, and I'll get back to it and trace Elmer's course along the road to fame. But right now I'll leap ahead and tell you who Elmer is, for I doubt if many of you recognize him for the famous man he is within his own select sphere—Hollywood's ace flying cameraman. You know, when the motion picture starts there are several dozen names printed, and you never read them. Or I don't, anyhow. That's one of the human frailties, or perhaps it's just the human defense mechanism, that burns up the American Society of Cinematographers, Inc. It peevs them to know that we mugs out front remember the star and forget the cameraman, if we ever even noticed him. The only thing that makes them madder is to discover that we use one of their pictures in the magazines and forget to give them a credit line. Like all artists, cameramen are temperamental and unappreciated.

Elmer Dyer has contributed the aerial lens work to such cinema masterpieces as, *The Air Circus*, *Going Wild*, *Lilac Time*, *Young Eagles*, *The Winged*

*Horseman*, *The Dawn Patrol*, *Hell's Angels*, (starring Howard Hughes as the angel) *Flight*, *Cock O' the Air*, *Sky Devils*, *Suicide Fleet*, *The Squadron of Death*, *Ace of Aces*, *Hell Divers*, *Dirigible*, *Flight*, *The Flying Fleet*, *The Lost Squadron*, *Air Mail*, *Air Hostess*, *Central Airport*, *Speed Wings*, and *Night Flight*—to mention only the outstanding pictures in which he has done the aerial photography. Up to date Elmer Dyer has logged over 3,000 hours in the course of his work with the camera, exclusive of his own private flying for pleasure. He has flown with the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps and holds honorary photographer's ratings from all three. He also has flown with such nerve-wracking airmen as Frank Tomick, Frank Clark, Bob Blair, Paul Mantz, and Dick Grace in all sorts of stunts, calmly grinding away in the face of imminent death.

In all of that time Dyer has never received a scratch in a plane. He has had several forced landings, several minor crack-ups, with one pilot or another, but never an injury, proving again, what I've always maintained, that flying is safe—if you're lucky. I flew for over 15 years and never got even a hang-nail. And during ten months of that time gentlemen over the lines were shooting playfully at me, too. And never hit me. Fellows like Elmer and me are practically indestructible. It's only when we buy stocks and bonds that our luck runs out.

Meanwhile, where's Elmer? Back in Los Angeles, in 1906, he worked at his glass business for years and years, doing photography on the side. He used to take those family groups you now see only in albums in country districts—Uncle Abner with his hand clamped on Aunt Carrie's shoulder, and Aunt Carrie with a look of grim determination on her face. Many's the time Elmer has had a camera blow up right in his face, after the savage impact of one of those family groups on the sensitive plate.

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## The High Angle Stall and Spin

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● With the Department of Commerce writing the stalled landing into its requirements, and the increasingly strong belief among designers that the private pilot type of airplane should be able to land safely by "pull her back and let her sit" handling, the question of flight without power at, or past, the stall becomes of paramount importance. It is this type of flight that will make such a landing possible, and the purpose of this article is to bring attention to one method of handling this problem.

Flight with power and flight without power, though both based upon air reactions, are greatly dissimilar in the method of obtaining these reactions and their manifestations afterwards. In the first case, loading per square foot and parasite resistance are of slight importance beyond determining the various speed factors. In the second case they are of primary importance in determining the flight path and attitude. This is brought about by the conditions that in the first case, with power, the flight path is level and there is no sinking, the balance of thrust against resistance being held to achieve this end. In the second case, without power, forward flight is obtained by adjusting the attitude of the airplane so that the reactions derived from sinking have a forward component and move the airplane ahead. As long as these conditions are met there is no stall, even though the airplane be flying at an angle of attack of 40° or more. In powered flight, the stall is the point at which the airplane begins to sink if the angle is increased. In gliding flight the stall occurs when the airplane begins to lose forward speed.

In flight without power, there are two conditions—the low angle glide that acts entirely similar to powered flight and the high angle sinking glide with which this article is primarily concerned.

Strictly speaking, the changes between these conditions are slow and the change from powered flight through the low angle glide into the sinking or stalling glide are gradual and fade into each other, but the differences are discernible and can be used to the designer's advantage.

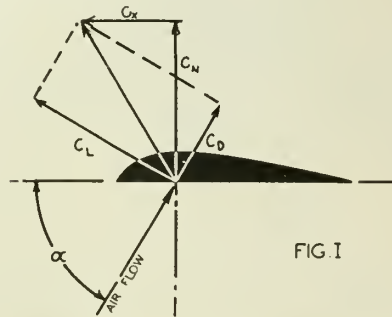


FIG I

It is possible that by changing the conception of the stall, the difference between these conditions can be removed. To stall something means to stop it, and no airplane ever stops until it gets on the ground. Therefore, the term stalled flight or "stopped flight" seems somewhat confusing. However the use of the term in its present sense is so well established that a change would be difficult and perhaps undesirable.

A body above the earth accelerates towards it until its air resistance equals its weight—whether it be a bomb, a brick or an airplane and it matters little whether the airplane be falling flat or diving. However, in the case of an airplane or airfoil, the air resistance is not a simple drag reaction, but has a resultant generally pointed fore or aft. If, in addition to the vertical motion there is forward motion as well, the direction of the resultant may be any point from dead ahead to dead astern. This is shown in figure I.

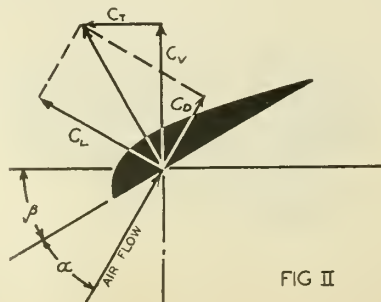


FIG II

In the case of a loaded wing, it is evident that the total resultant force cannot be used to obtain lift. In fact only its vertical component designated as  $C_n$  is useful in finding the lift and sinking speed. Lift is the force operating against gravity and is equal to  $w$  the weight. This, however, leaves a forward or rearward component, designated as  $C_x$ .  $C_n$  could be noted as  $C_a$  to conform to NACA standard terminology.

The values of  $C_n$  and  $C_x$  are readily calculated from  $C_L$  and  $C_D$  and the angle  $\alpha$ . The formulas are:

$$C_n = C_L \cos \alpha + C_D \sin \alpha$$

$$C_x = C_L \sin \alpha - C_D \cos \alpha$$

This however covers only one general condition, when the chord line is parallel to the horizon. The wing may be pitched up or down, in which case the values change. These new values  $C$  or vertical coefficient and  $C_T$  or thrust coefficient may be obtained either direct from  $C_L$  and  $C_D$  or from the values of  $C_n$  and  $C_x$ .

If the nose is pitched down, or negative (figure II) through the angle  $\beta$ , these formulas become:

$$C_v = C_L \cos (\alpha + \beta) + C_D \sin (\alpha + \beta)$$

$$C_T = C_L \sin (\alpha + \beta) - C_D \cos (\alpha + \beta)$$

And if pitched up, or positive, they are:

$$C_v = C_L \cos (\alpha - \beta) + C_D \sin (\alpha - \beta)$$

$$C_T = C_L \sin (\alpha - \beta) - C_D \cos (\alpha - \beta)$$

The formulas for obtaining these values from  $C_n$  and  $C_x$  are easily written by the use of trigonometry.

From these formulas a curve of  $C_T$  and  $C_n$  values are readily obtainable and figure III shows them plotted for a Göttingen 387 monoplane section. (Reference I). Where  $C_T$  is zero is, of course, a point of equilibrium, where plus the wing will gain speed and where minus will lose it. As in flight a gain of speed means a decrease of angle, it is evident that the lower point of equilibrium is self-

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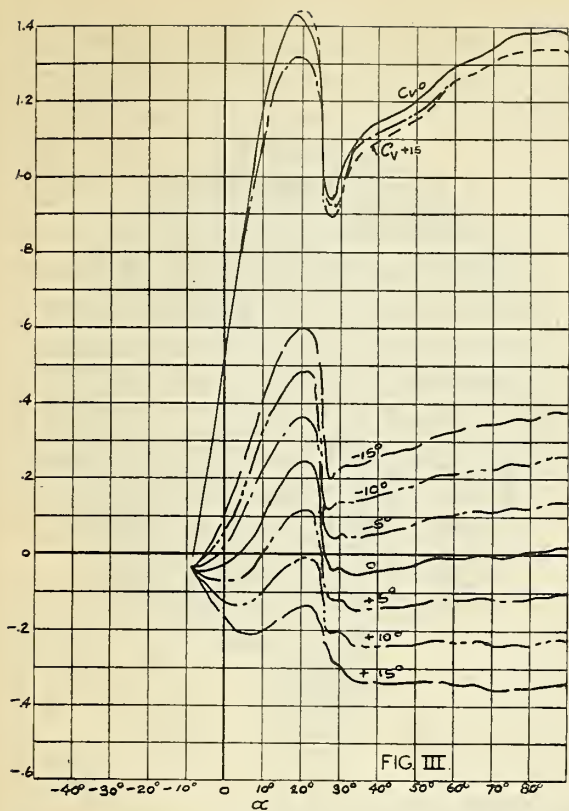


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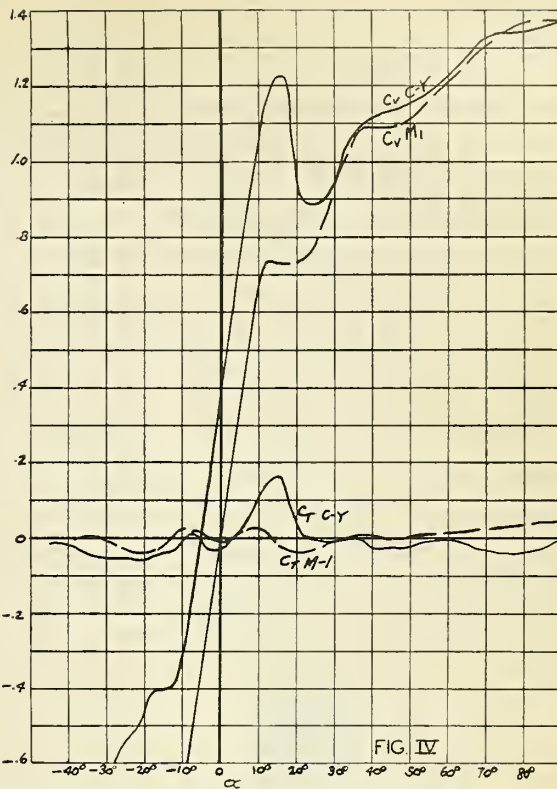


FIG. IV.

correcting, whereas any change from the upper point tends to increase in magnitude. The importance of this upon spinning is self evident, and the effects a change in section will have upon the spinning qualities of an airplane are readily ascertained.

In fact, by an analysis of the two curves plotted for an entire airplane, the spinning properties may be determined before the airplane is tested. Such curves should be obtained in a wind tunnel and preferably at a Reynolds Number corresponding to the stalling speed of the airplane.

Referring again to figure III values of  $C_T$  for  $\pm 5^\circ$ ,  $\pm 10^\circ$  and  $\pm 15^\circ$  are plotted in to show the effect of pitch of various angles.  $C_v$  for  $\pm 15\%$  is also plotted in, however its effect is slight and can be neglected. By interpolating between the values of zero and  $-5^\circ$ , it is apparent that at an angle of pitch of  $-3^\circ$  the airfoil has no second point of equilibrium. This, however, is misleading as in the case of a complete airplane the resistance of the other parts would pull the  $C_T$  down and below the line again. In a well-designed airplane it would probably follow the same contour as shown and the displacement would be mostly vertical. In figure IV, the Clark Y and M-I section are plotted (Reference 2) for comparison.

From the analysis of figures III and IV and assuming a vertical displacement

of 0.1 of the zero line to account for parasite resistance, it is evident which section would be best for the private plane. The Gottingen 387 shows by far the best gliding qualities; this is borne out by actual test in which this section shows a great ability to stall-in. The Clark Y is second and the M-I last. With higher Reynolds Numbers (these were tests at 153000) some change would be made but the relative stalling point would remain about constant.

From a theoretical standpoint, a  $C_T$  curve of constant positive slope would be desirable, but how to obtain it is not clear. From a rapid check, the thick wing with some bottom concavity gives a nearer approach to it than any other type. This type gives high angles for the second point of equilibrium and thereby a high stalled glide. The value of  $d C_T/d \alpha$  should be constant and continue to high angles plus a low value of  $d C_D/d \alpha$ . As  $C_T$  depends largely upon  $C_D$  at low angles and  $C_L$  at high,  $C_D$  should be low and  $C_L$  high for the best results. The longer  $C_T$  is plus, the greater the gliding ability of the section, and therefore the airplane. The thin, so-called racing type of section will not be suitable even though its  $d C_T/d \alpha$  is generally positive, due to its small range of positive  $C_T$  values. Nose-down, such a section gives good characteristics, but as the type of landing we desire is with nose high, and this section has all nega-

tive values at such an attitude, it is of no value. With flaps down the values would probably be positive, but I have no data available upon such a combination and so cannot predict the results. In fact, the available data on sections at high angle and at full scale is meager in any case.

In general, the biplane characteristics closely resemble the monoplane and the effects of stagger and gap are slight. Decalage has some effect. Minus decalage being helpful, an effect that would be evident from the wing arrangement. The difference between  $+25\%$  and  $-25\%$  stagger is only  $4^\circ$  in angle of equilibrium, with the greater effect,  $3^\circ$ , between 0 and  $+25\%$ . The greatest change by far is upon  $C_v$ , which is materially reduced at the higher angles as the stagger is decreased.

In the analysis using a slotted wing, Clark Y with fixed slot (Reference 3), the effect of the slot is shown to be a prolonging of the initial positive value of  $d C_T/d \alpha$  to higher angles and greater value. The second point of equilibrium is moved only slightly however and the greatest effect is to little better than double the best positive value of  $C_T$ . The curve also takes on some of the character of that of the Gottingen section, and reaches its peak at an angle of attack of

References:  
<sup>1</sup> NACA Report No. 317.  
<sup>2</sup> NACA Report No. 407.

approximately 25° whence it drops abruptly, in sharp contrast to the gradual slope of the unchanged Clark Y. The best positive value is also about 58% larger than the Gottingen 387 and peaks at 5° higher. Owing to the fact that the report I used carries the angle of attack to only 26°, a spinning analysis was not possible. But it seems there would be a possible auto-rotation range at about 28° to 35° angle of attack, and a second range at 60° to 80°. In the unchanged Clark Y these ranges are from 20° to 42° and from 60° to 80° as above.

In general, testing of auto-rotation in the wind tunnel has been taken about the center of the airfoil. However it is doubtful if such a spin ever occurs naturally, possibly the very flat spin may approach it. As a purely theoretical conception it is possible, but the large number of variable factors entering into spinning, such as progressions, fin and fuselage areas etc., would make it improbable that such could occur. In addition, the flat spin is necessarily at a high angle, over 45° generally, and the conditions for such a rotation generally prevail at 10° to 20° lower.

#### Span Loading Conditions

In figure V, the five possible conditions of span loading that might occur are shown, noting that in any low value of  $C_T$  a minus or rearward force may occur instead of the positive values shown.  $C_V$  could be minus only at extremely low or minus angles. As in any spin the inner tip is at a greater angle than the outer; these figures represent the spread of angles between the two. The first condition, A, that of constant loading in both  $C_V$  and  $C_T$  is naturally very rare but in effect due to the lower speed of the inner tip would revert to a spiral dive as the inner tip sank and lagged behind. Such a condition would revert to straight flight immediately upon release of the controls. The second condition, B, with both outer end coefficients greater, would tend to the same result. Both of these loadings would give the normal spin, and are the conditions generally prevailing at a neutral angle of attack of 25° to 35°. In the third condition, C, which is a special case of the first two, both  $C_V$  and  $C_T$  are greater on the inside. Such a condition prevails in the Gottingen 387 at very high angles of attack and when it occurs a spin is impossible as the inner end with its higher lift and greater thrust tends to overcome the spinning and reverse it. This condition, though rare, is possible and has been reported before in a previous article of mine (Reference 1) and the ship in question went through the condition of B, then A and last C, at which point, at a large angle of attack, no spin was possible. Cabin loading was responsible for the changes in this instance.

Condition D, if ever occurring, has not been recognized. Theoretically it is perfectly possible and would manifest itself in an attempt of the ship to twist the inner wing ahead and roll over on its back, or if the  $C_T$  was moderate to merely roll upside down.

Condition E is definitely dangerous, and is the condition of loading responsible for the "flat spin." The low value of  $C_T$  toward the spinning axis makes the inner wing lag behind and tends to increase the angular velocity. At the same time, the high inner value of  $C_V$  keeps the wing up in spite of the lower speed. The inner  $C_T$  may even be reversed and be negative. In any case, if the ship is able to attain the angle necessary the  $C_T$  slope can be almost zero and still the airplane will spin down and the pilot will probably resort to his parachute. The combination of positive  $dC_V/d\alpha$  plus zero or negative  $dC_T/d\alpha$  is a thing to beware of. Of course, the slopes should be taken for the whole airplane as the tail, fuselage etc., will have some effect upon both values.

In making an investigation of spinning it would be well to investigate angles of pitch from -45° to +50°, as the centrifugal force due to the angular velocity will cause a displacement of the resultant force which is derived from gravity and the outward thrust. This displacement in effect tends to increase the angle of attack, and the true angle will be somewhat larger than the apparent. As the

exact spinning attitude is almost impossible to predict, due to interference, etc., a shot-gun method of approach is necessary. With the understanding that should the progression of moments due to weight distribution have high positive values, a close examination would be desirable, and if an unfavorable slope of the type shown at E, figure V shows up, it would be necessary to make some change in the construction. Of course, the righting moment due to the horizontal surfaces must be considered, but if  $M_x$  is positive the condition of A, B, or C (figure V) should be approached, if possible. This is especially true of the low wing monoplane, whose  $M_x$  is generally positive. For such an arrangement thin double cambered tips with thick roots are generally safe, as are certain sections whose  $dC_T/d\alpha$  is positive at the higher angles. For any monoplane  $dC_V/d\alpha$  is invariably plus at above 30°.

#### Correcting An Erroneous Idea

As a result of this study of  $C_T$  and  $C_V$  inter-related, it is possible to state that the general conception that large negative stagger is a fore-runner of undesirable spinning qualities is erroneous. Such a construction would normally follow the slope distribution of A, B, or D, all of which are safe, though D is somewhat erratic. In fact the range of stagger from +25% to -5% is probably the most dangerous in spinning qualities. In general, negative stagger will come under the condition of B. The effect of the fuselage usually being to make  $dC_T/d\alpha$  negative at the high angles. For this reason, the tests to obtain  $C_L$  and  $C_D$  should be made upon a complete wind tunnel model and at as high a Reynolds Number as possible, to obtain values to properly ascertain the spinning properties of the actual airplane.

The prediction of the exact spinning attitude is not possible as yet, for the method is not old or complete enough. However, it is possible to recognize the danger signs and to determine a construction to avoid them, a process which should be of practical value to the designer.

This article does not take into consideration factors, other than aerodynamic which have varying effect upon the spinning qualities of an airplane. The effect of wing movement, slip and skid are neglected also. Such data are available and in use. This is an exposition of one of the factors, though an important one, that comprise the spin, and it is not intended that this method be used as a cure-all. It is a means of recognizing certain danger signals and a pointer towards their elimination. It is no simple matter to cure bad spinning, and this article only attempts to lessen the labor and perhaps reduce the cost.

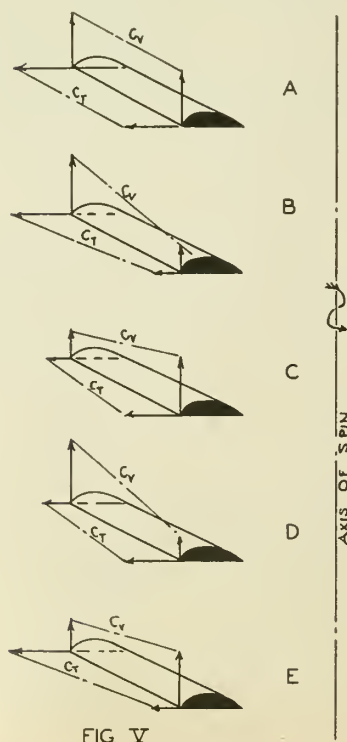


FIG. V

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# A Nomogram for Load Factor Determination

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● When the new airworthiness requirements became effective the first of this month, the term *High Angle of Attack* was replaced in Bulletin 7-A by the term *Accelerated Flying Condition I* (maximum up-gust).

In order to save time and effort in determining these basic load factors in accordance with the new requirements, I have constructed the Nomogram which I believe will interest the technical readers of AERO DIGEST. In the course of my work, I am often asked these load factors for a variety of values of gross weight, power, wing area and velocity.

For these purposes, I found the Nomogram useful and simpler to use than the mathematical computations required by the Bulletin. Because of the complexity of the mathematical expression of the new load factors, the advantage of obtaining these factors by means of a diagram may well be perceived.

In accordance with the proposed requirements the greater of two load factors has to be used for the basic flying condition I. One is a function of the gross weight of the airplane and of its power loading, and is determined on the Nomogram as the point intersected on the load factor scale by a line through the gross weight and power loading. The other one is a function of the high velocity of the airplane, the wing loading and wing characteristics, and an "up" gust of 30 ft. per second. This "gust load factor" is determined on the Nomogram as the point intersected on the load factor scale by a line through the wing loading and velocity. The Nomogram has been constructed for a slope of lift curve  $m = 4.25$ , which is a good average value for the most used airfoils with

an aspect ratio of 6. The design load factor is taken as 1.5 times the applied load factor, assuming thus a factor of safety of 1.5, but it can easily be computed for any other value of factor of safety, from the applied load factor.

It is believed that the accuracy of the values determined by the diagram is well within  $\pm .03$  of unit load factor.

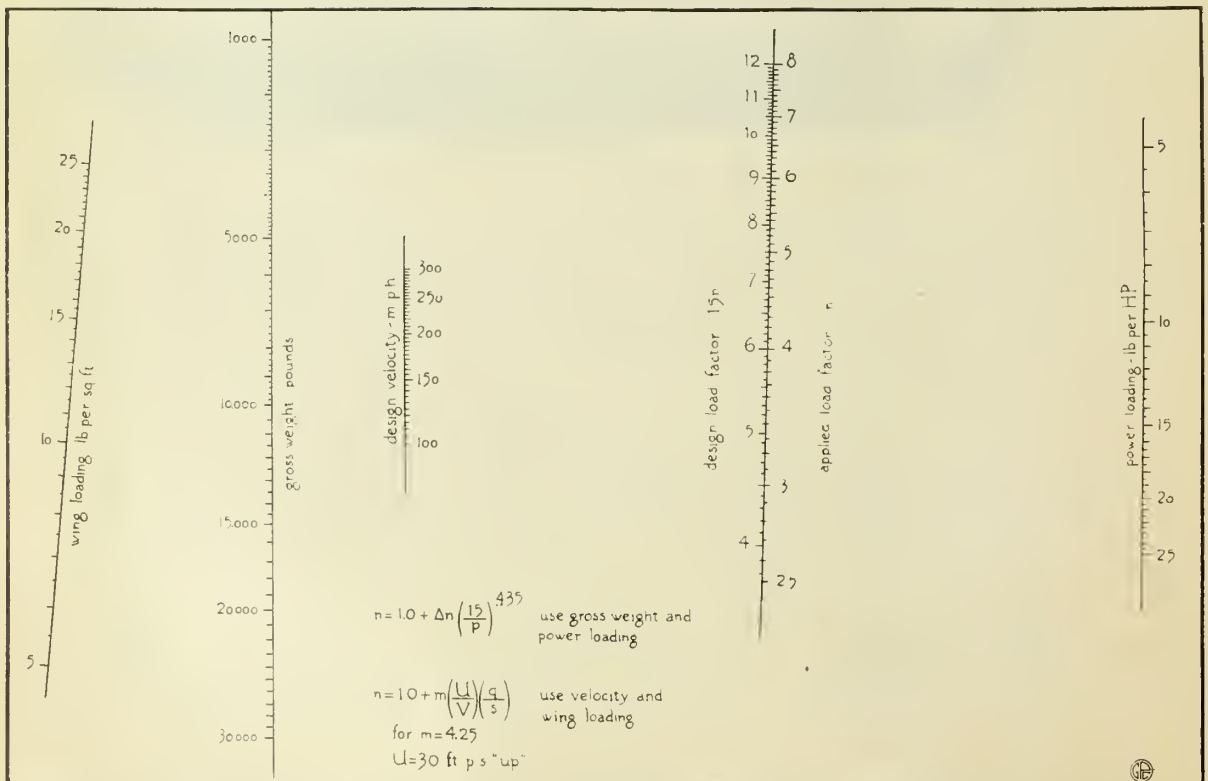
The table of values determined with the Nomogram compares well with the values computed in Table I of Dr. Klemin's article on the new airworthiness requirements which appeared in the August, 1934, issue of AERO DIGEST.

Gust Load Factor

Wing Loading lb./ft.	Velocity miles per hour	Design Load Factor Computed by Dr. Klemin	Load Factor Determined with Nomogram
10	228	9.15	9.15
15	196	5.85	5.90
20	200	4.85	4.85
10	158	6.78	6.80
15	169	5.26	5.30
10	146	6.37	6.40
15	151	4.88	4.90
10	137	6.1	6.10

Usual Load Factor

Gross Weight pounds	Power Loading lb./h.p.	Design Load Factor Computed	Load Factor Determined with Nomogram
2000	5	10.29	10.3
2000	15	6.95	6.95
6000	10	6.66	6.65
6000	20	5.31	5.33
10000	10	5.87	5.88
10000	25	4.46	4.45
20000	10	4.85	4.85
20000	15	4.31	4.30
30000	10	4.32	4.33
30000	15	3.87	3.88



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# Dynamic Forces in Airships As an Aid to Maneuverability

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● In designing a rigid airship, the designer must choose some method for deriving the preliminary dimensions of the airship. If he follows the usual procedure, he considers the hull as a beam and calculates the forces acting upon this beam. The hull is loaded with the different weights acting downward, with the lift due to the gas in the cells acting upward and with aerodynamic forces which may act in any longitudinal plane. It is therefore necessary that the calculations of the stresses should include these factors.

Loads are either static or dynamic and they must be computed independently and then added algebraically to obtain the resulting stresses. Static loads are those due to weights, gas pressure, outer cover tension, initial tension in wiring and various similar items. Dynamic loads are those caused by the accelerations of the airship and are most important in modern airships due to their size and speed.

While the designer is often given the volume, length and diameter of the finished ship at the time he starts the design, these are limitations rather than aids to the solution of his problem. The ultimate aim of his calculations is to produce as light a structure as possible and at the same time have sufficient strength to resist the maximum stress to which it will be subjected.

However, there is another important fact that must be remembered if the design is to be successful and that is satisfactory performance. Since performance includes many qualities such as high speed, endurance and great weight carrying capacity, it will be seen that it is the most vital aim of the designer to produce an airship capable of giving the best performance possible while keeping within the limits governing the design.

The designer uses dynamic forces as an aid in combating the restrictions to which he must comply in solving the difficulties encountered due to the limitations set upon his design by the specifications.

There are three major operations in the handling of a large rigid airship that

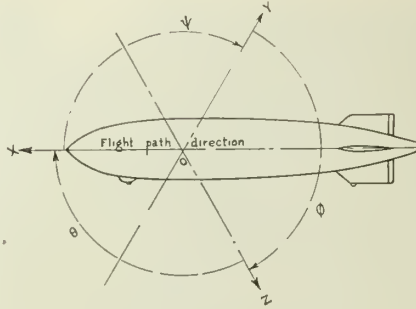


Figure 1. Axes of an airship

require the application of dynamic force for control. These are: the take-off of the airship; flight at constant altitude; and the landing of the ship.

It is the duty of all personnel operating an airship to be thoroughly familiar with the dynamic forces that can be employed under any given operating condition. Since they must apply this information with judgment, it is necessary for them to understand, at all times, the correct relationship between the static forces and the dynamic forces acting upon the airship.

Due to the fact that this article is intended to discuss dynamic forces in airships only from the point of forces introduced to aid maneuverability, it is important to remember that all dynamic forces are not in the discussion.

In order to avoid confusion when referring to forces, Figure 1 has been drawn. In this figure, which conforms to the established practice of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and the American Standards Association,

- X = Longitudinal Axis
- Y = Lateral Axis
- Z = Normal Axis
- $\theta$  = Angle of Pitch
- $\phi$  = Angle of Roll
- $\psi$  = Angle of Yaw
- L = Moment about Rolling Axis
- M = Moment about Pitching Axis
- N = Moment about Yawing Axis

The forces are conveniently resolved into directions parallel to three axes. These are called axes of reference and are mutually perpendicular. Forces parallel to the axis OX are termed *Longitudinal Forces*; those parallel to the axis OY are called *Lateral Forces* and those parallel to the axis OZ, *Normal Forces*.

The simplest case to be considered is

when an airship is flying with its longitudinal axis horizontal and is maintaining constant altitude. If we assume that there is no cross wind and no change in static forces, it will be simple to consider this flight at constant altitude.

In this case the total thrust of the propellers is used to overcome the resistance of the airship. Figure 2 shows the forces and moments which will act under these conditions. In it,

*c.g.* = Center of Gravity of the Airship  
*c.b.* = Center of Buoyancy  
*W* = Total Weight of Live and Dead Loads

*Lg* = Lift of Inflating Gas  
*R* = Total Resistance of the Airship  
*T* = Thrust of the Propellers  
*c.p.* = Center of Pressure

The moment of the lift of the inflating gas which acts through the center of buoyancy *c.b.* will be

$$Lg = Lg \times 0 = 0$$

The moment of the total weight of all live and dead loads acting through the center of gravity *c.g.* will be

$$W = W \times 0 = 0$$

The moment of thrust about the center of gravity will be

$$T = T \times c$$

The moment of resistance about the center of gravity will be

$$R = R \times d$$

It can be seen however, that a dynamic load must be placed upon the tail so that the airship will not tend to nose up. Increasing this load will cause the ship to climb; decreasing the load will cause the ship to dive.

In addition it should be mentioned that the rudder is held neutral during these maneuvers. In order to turn to the left or to the right, the rudder must be pushed over adding another dynamic force caused by the aerodynamic force acting upon the rudder.

When the nose of the airship is inclined up or down the problem is not as easy to solve as before, but is still fairly

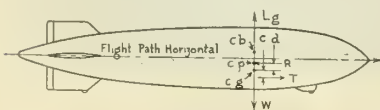


Figure 2. Flight at constant altitude

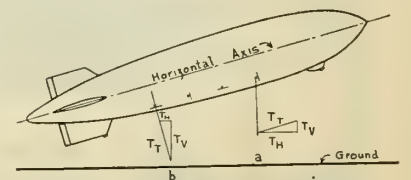


Figure 3. Thrust of the propellers

simple. However, when the stability is modified by a heavy or light airship with its nose tilted up or down, there are several other moments that must be considered. Since the dynamic forces that must be applied vary more in magnitude than in manner of application, a detailed analysis will not be given.

The take-off is begun by aerostatic forces, but as soon as there is sufficient altitude, the engines are started and dynamic forces are utilized. The thrust from the propellers acts along the longitudinal axis and by inclining the axis so that an angle will be made with the surface of the ground (in level country) the airship will climb. By raising the elevators, a dynamic force is caused to act upon the tail forcing the nose upward and the propellers then drive the ship along the new path. In the Navy dirigible U.S.S. *Macon*, built by the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corp., the propellers are of the swivel type and can be rotated so that they drive the airship upward with a certain amount of helicopter-like motion.

Figure 3 shows an airship during take-off with half of the propellers rotated until they revolve parallel to the longitudinal axis. The thrust of an ordinary propeller is shown at (a); the thrust of a tilted propeller of the swivel type is shown at (b). The total thrust in (a) and in (b) =  $T_T$ ; horizontal thrust in each case =  $T_H$  and the vertical thrust in each case =  $T_V$ . The dynamic force from these propellers greatly increases the lift of the airship and reduces the time necessary to reach the cruising altitude. However, the decreased force along the longitudinal axis can readily be perceived.

The landing is the most difficult part of the flight and requires skill in maneuvering the ship. The application of dynamic forces must be under control and due to the size of modern airships these forces are much greater than those employed in the smaller ships that formerly were built.

In order to make a good landing three essential steps must be followed: the weighoff at safe altitude; the approach to the landing field; and maneuvering of the ship into the control of the landing party.

The weighoff should be conducted in the immediate vicinity of the landing field and whenever practicable just before the anticipated landing. The ship should be headed into the wind and the engines throttled down until the dynamic forces become small due to the decrease of air-speed. The airship thus becomes practically a free balloon and will show the condition of its buoyancy. Its condition may be "light," "heavy" or "equilibrium" according to the relation of its loads and the lifting force of the gas in its cells.

A small amount of dynamic lift is useful during the weighoff; otherwise it will not be easy to regain control. This force will be obtained from the idling propellers unless the wind is unusually strong.

The information gained during the weighoff will determine the method of approach to the landing field. However, every factor must be carefully watched during the approach to insure proper procedure when the ship has reached its landing speed and is ready to be received by the landing crew.

Conditions frequently occur where there is a change of density near the ground. If the ship becomes heavy, ballast must be dropped. The acceleration of a heavy ship may be checked by dynamic forces if it has propellers of the swivel type. Some of the propellers may be rotated to a horizontal position and their direction of rotation reversed. If these are run at slow speed the danger of a heavy landing is reduced. However, the airship may become light, and in this case, dynamic force from a few propellers rotating in a horizontal plane is useful.

## Recent Patents

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Altimeter. Victor E. Carbonara, assignor to Bendix Aviation Corp. (1,970,544)

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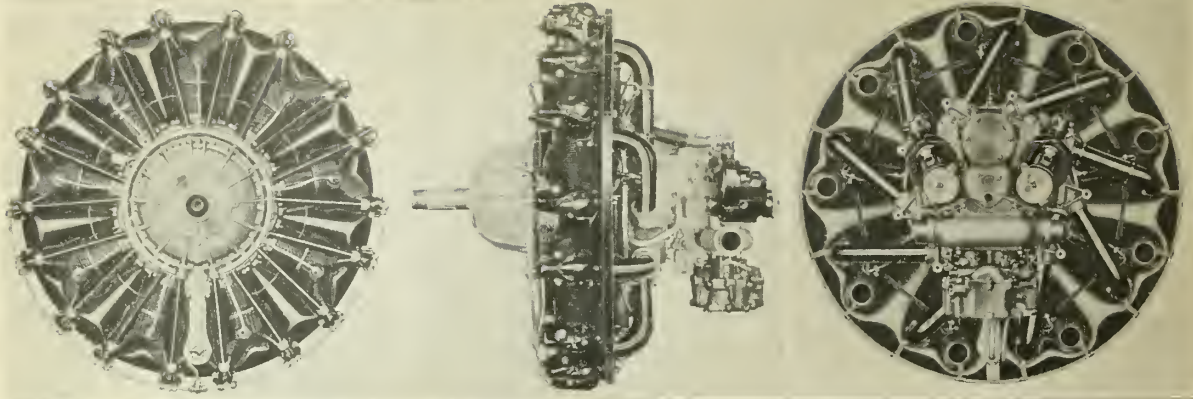
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## The Pratt & Whitney Series S1H1-G Engine

● The new 550-horsepower Pratt & Whitney Series H Wasp engine evidences one of the most important advances in aircraft engine design in the automatic lubrication by engine pressure or splash of all principal moving parts. This feature is carried out in the entire valve-actuating mechanism which is designed to require no manual lubrication, since oil is fed to the valve tappets, rocker bearings, etc. The necessity for periodic manual lubrication is thereby eliminated, and not only is time and labor saved, but also constant proper functioning of these parts is assured for longer periods. Cold weather starting is made easier by the elimination of grease in the rocker boxes.

Considerable engineering effort over a period of years has been directed toward the redesign of parts so as to lessen the

attention to servicing operations on the part of pilots and mechanics. Hundreds of hours of dynamometer testing, as well as complete flight tests in a twin-motored Boeing transport have demonstrated the reliability of the many new features incorporated in the Wasp Series H engines, the first of which, the geared type Model S1H1-G has been awarded Approved Type Certificate 129.

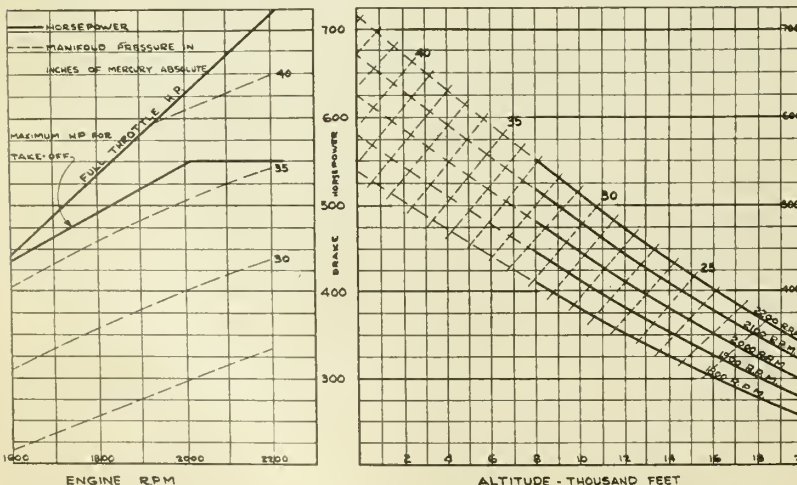
United Air Lines is taking delivery of ten new Boeing transports equipped with the S1H1-G engines and three-bladed Hamilton Standard controllable-pitch propellers and plans to re-equip its entire fleet of these high-speed, all-metal ships with the new engines and propellers. In addition, Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangborn will fly a similar Boeing 247-D, also powered by the S1H1-G engines in the forthcoming MacRobertson races.

The Series H will include two additional geared and two direct drive engines. In the former group is an engine which will deliver its rated power, 550 h.p., at 5000 feet instead of 8000 feet, (as in the S1H1-G) using 80 Octane fuel instead of 87 and having a blower ratio of 10:1 and a compression ratio of 6:1. The third geared engine in the series will deliver 500 h.p. at 10,500 feet on 80 Octane fuel. One of the direct drive engines will deliver 550 h.p. at 2200 r.p.m. at 5000 feet, and the other is rated at 525 h.p. at 2100 r.p.m. at sea level, using 80 Octane fuel.

### Details of Construction

The experience gained from the development and use of its long line of successful engines, in military and civil operation, has resulted in many improvements in detail which are incorporated in the present Series H Wasp engines. Parts which have been redesigned and strengthened in order to insure even longer life and increased durability are the master rod and link rods, crankcase, supercharger drive, valves, pistons and rings, crankshaft main bearings and the accessory drive. The recent new developments (in addition to the automatic valve lubrication) consist of automatic oil temperature control, priming carburetor, fine fin cylinder heads, shelf-mounted cam (which adds a reinforcing flange to the crankcase) pressure baffles between cylinders, oil tightness throughout, controllable-pitch propeller control on rear of sump, new and shorter shielding arrangement for all ignition wiring and a short hot spot in the induction system.

Cylinders are of composite construction, the barrel portions machined from steel forgings. Heads are aluminum-alloy castings, screwed and shrunk on the bar-



Power curve of the Pratt & Whitney S1H1-G engine, showing horsepower and manifold pressure at sea level (left) and at altitude (right)

rels, and rocker boxes are cast integral with the heads. All the heated portions of the head are literally washed with cooling air. Exhaust ports provide maximum cooling and ease of connection to the manifold, and unusually fine finning is employed both on the head and barrel, providing adequate radiating surface. There are 2 spark plugs per cylinder, located in the fore and aft plane.

The short push rods are made of heat-treated aluminum alloy tubing fitted with hard steel ball ends. The entire valve gearing is completely enclosed.

Pistons are machined from aluminum alloy forgings and balanced before assembly, permitting replacements to be made from stock parts with the assurance that they will not vary from allowable tolerances. They are of the 6:1 compression ratio type, having flat heads with recesses for intake and exhaust valve heads. Piston pin bosses have been strengthened and the under side of the heads are ribbed for strength and to provide additional area for heat dissipation. Each piston has 4 compression rings and 1 scraper ring of increased tension which results in better oil seal.

The rear section comprises 2 major castings—the blower portion which provides the blower ring and 9 separate outlets to which the cylinders are connected, and the rearmost casting, which forms the supercharger diffuser section and carburetor inlet elbow as well as the support for all accessories.

On the rear section casting of the new engine are mounted, a Bendix-Stromberg Model NA-Y9B double-barrel carburetor, two 9-cylinder type Scintilla magnetos, oil pumps, oil strainer, fuel pump, 2 gun-synchronizer drives, 2 tachometer drives and the generator drive. Provision is made for mounting and driving a vacuum pump, providing the necessary suction for the operation of flight instruments and also a pressure unit, if necessary, for the operation of other equipment including de-icers.

The rear section assembly, similar in design to the rear end on single-row models, has built into it a General Electric centrifugal-type supercharger. The supercharger drive is of the outboard bearing type with the intermediate shaft anchored at the extreme ends by precision-type ball bearings. This design provides equally balanced gear action and increases the rigidity of the gear train. The impeller shaft is mounted on 3 precision-type ball bearings.

Integrally cast vanes provide balanced diffusion of the fuel mixture and vanes in the intake elbow provide even distribution to the supercharger. A priming carburetor, with larger chokes than on previous models, utilizes its accelerating pump to supply the necessary charge for starting. Thus long priming lines and the usual priming pump are eliminated.

Flooding is prevented, the resultant fire hazard is reduced, and fumes from the priming source are kept from reaching the pilots cockpit. The carburetor elbow and entrance to the supercharger impeller provide for uniform distribution of air and liquid entering the impeller. Because of this feature the engine idles and runs smoothly over its entire range of operating speed.

The rear assembly is compact, the various accessories grouped so as to be accessible and to present a clean, balanced appearance. The crankcase nose section, its housing made of heat-treated aluminum alloy, encloses a spur planetary type of propeller reduction gear so designed that all teeth may be ground. A bell gear is attached to the forward end of the crankshaft by means of splines, and the hub of this gear is supported by a roller bearing carried in an aluminum diaphragm mounted on the front section of the crankcase. Six planetary pinions mesh both with the bell gear and with a fixed or sun gear carried in the nose section of the crankcase. These planetary gears are carried in a forged steel cage splined directly to the propeller shaft.

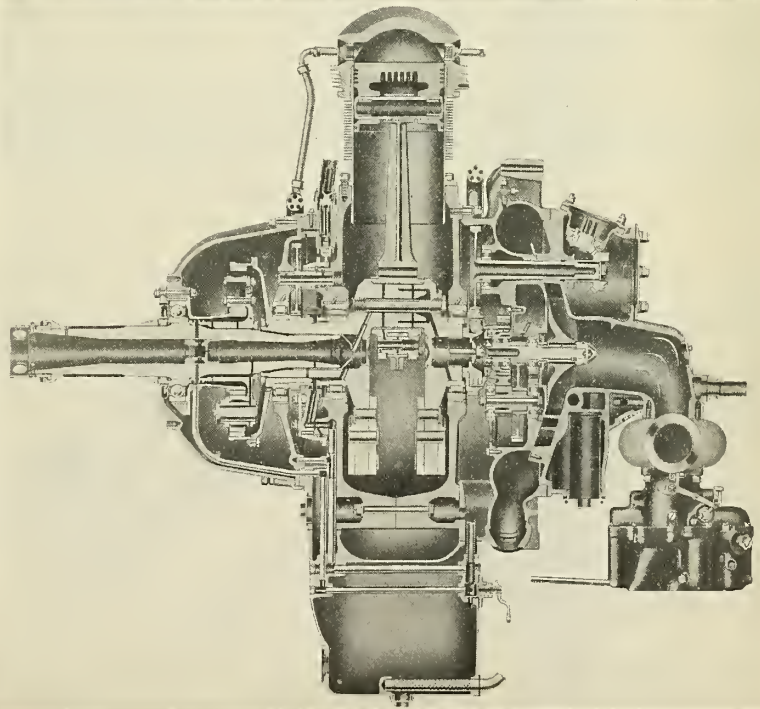
The propeller shaft is a nickle-steel forging, carried on 2 bearings spaced well apart in order to provide ample support for the propeller. The forward bearing, just behind the propeller hub and carried in the nose section, is of the anti-friction type which takes both radial and thrust

loads. The rear end of the propeller shaft is carried by a plain bearing mounted inside the forward end of the crankshaft, and bearing surfaces are pressure-lubricated.

Oil from the supply tank passes through the pressure pump and thence through a fine-mesh strainer, accessibly located in the rear section. The oil is then carried into the crankshaft and distributed to the crankpins and rods, reduction gear, cams, cam drives and other moving parts. Oil under pressure also is supplied to the accessory and supercharger drives. An oil by-pass relief valve is provided and so arranged that the relief discharge need not necessarily be returned to the tank, but may be recirculated to the suction side of the pressure pump.

Extra thick flanges are provided on all oil pipes, accessory covers and cover plates to prevent warping and consequent leakage. Moulded rubber inserts between cylinder flanges and the three front engine cases help to contribute towards its oil seal.

The cam revolves on a bronze bearing mounted on a shelf at the front section of the main crankcase. It is driven by a reduction gear at .125 crankshaft speed and in the opposite direction to the crankshaft. Valve tappets, mounted in guides in the front section of the main crankcase directly over the cam track are carried in the same member as the cams.



Longitudinal section showing internal arrangement of the Pratt & Whitney Series H Wasp



Fore and aft views of cylinder units

It is possible to assemble the entire power section and time the valves while the cams and tappets are still exposed to view, the latter being easily removable without disturbing the guides.

The single-throw, two-piece crankshaft of 5% nickle carburizing steel has a stub shaft of increased diameter and is jointed at the center of the pin. The rear section telescopes over the front section and is held in angular position by 31 splines whereas only 16 were used formerly. The increase in the number of splines has given additional strength to a part where great torsional stress is concentrated and has stiffened up this unit changing the torsional period, in addition to allowing a more even distribution of the stresses over the shaft.

The improved spring coupling of the H Wasp has fewer and slightly heavier springs than those previously used. Button heads at each end of each of the 6 springs evenly distribute stress throughout the spring. Mounted between the crankshaft and the supercharger drive, the spring coupling relieves the supercharger drive gears of severe strains due to the sudden acceleration and deceleration of the crankshaft.

The sheet metal pressure baffle consists of 18 pieces, making it possible to

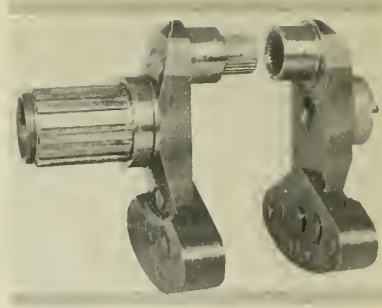
remove any cylinder or group of cylinders without removing all the baffling. Sections between cylinder rocker boxes are firmly fastened to adjacent cylinders. Sections between cylinders are fastened by conventional butterfly plates set between the fins, and the baffle sections are bolted together so that their outer flanges form a ring to which the engine cowl may be attached.

To improve the oil seal each rocker box cover is secured with three stud bolts and lock nuts instead of bail wire clamps. Ends of rocker shafts are made oil tight by the use of gaskets. Slots on the rear spark plug recesses make possible the use of lug-type washer thermo-couples.

Intake and exhaust rockers on the H Wasp are considerably stronger than those on previous models. Drilled for pressure lubrication, they are equipped with improved-type adjusting screws and double-race, single-unit ball bearings. Valve heads are dish shaped to more evenly distribute stresses throughout the valve head. The internally-cooled exhaust valves are sodium filled. Exhaust ports have shrunk-in stainless steel liners for a slip tight joint with exhaust pipes thus eliminating the flange common to previous engine models, and special steel valve seats assist in preventing erosion and promoting much longer valve life.

The control mechanism for the Hamilton Standard controllable-pitch propeller is located on the rear of the sump instead of on the nose section, as in previous models. The arrangement of hydro-control mechanism facilitates the installation of all cockpit connections.

The flat-type hot spot in the induction system consists of a steel tube cast in an aluminum housing through which exhaust gasses are passed to assist in vaporizing and pre-heating the fuel mixture from the carburetor. The steel tube is elliptical in section, affording generous heating area and consequently efficient vaporization.



Split pin crankshaft for geared drive

An automatic oil temperature control valve incorporates a thermostat which allows oil at temperatures below 155° to by-pass around the oil regulator, and when oil reaches a temperature above 170° it passes through a cooler. Oil is thus continually maintained at efficient operating temperatures regardless of the temperature of the surrounding atmosphere. By by-passing the oil around the oil regulator, it can be heated quickly and warming-up time is thereby lessened. The flanged oil inlet thermometer connections provided are more adaptable to installation than the threaded type formerly used.

Specifications and full throttle performance of the Series S1H1-G are as follows:

Rating at 2200 r.p.m. (8,000 ft.)	550 h.p.
Bore	5.75 inches
Stroke	5.75 inches
Total displacement	1344 cubic inches
Blower ratio	12:1
Compression ratio	6:1
Propeller gear ratio	3:2
Weight (incl. std. equipment)	918 lbs.
Oil consumption	.035 lb. per h.p./hr.
Fuel con. (cruising)	.48 lb. per h.p./hr.
Fuel specification	Octane value 87
Overall diameter	51.437 inches
Overall length	48.156 inches

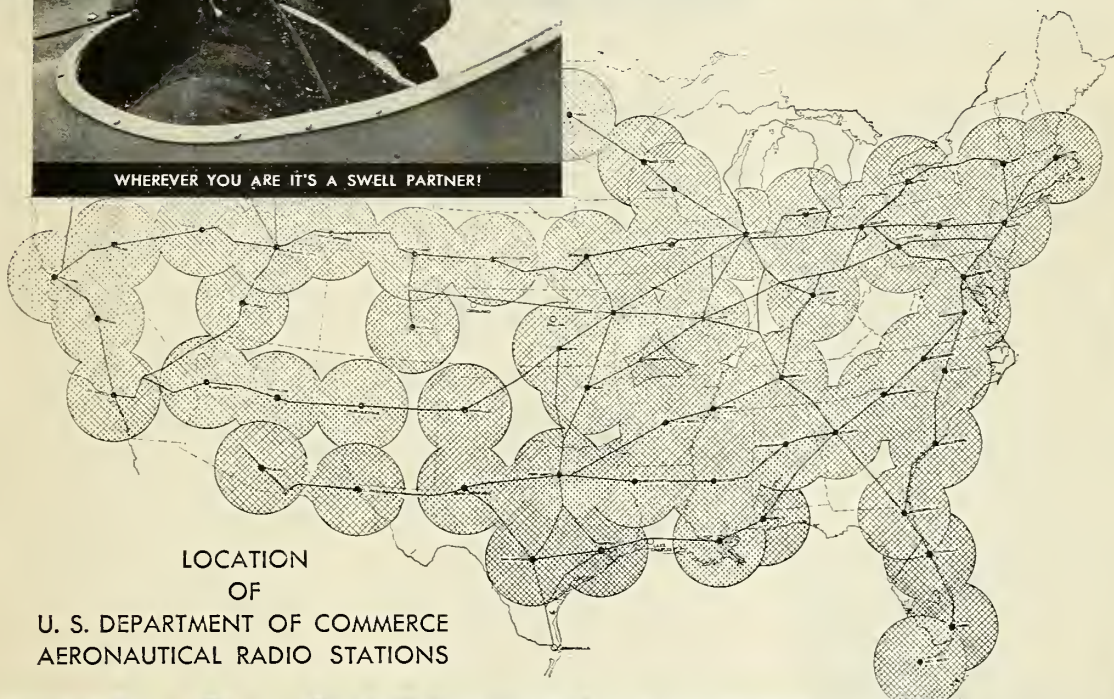


Pratt & Whitney S1H1-G engine impeller and supercharger drive, spring coupling (clutch) and power section of direct drive engine

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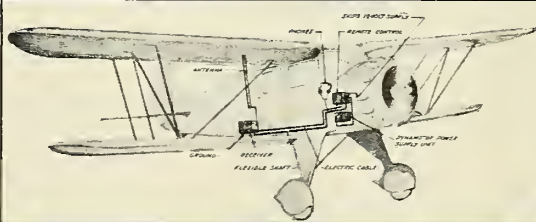


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vice hangar, is in the tradition of the GB racers with a large fuselage whose rear portion serves as a vertical fin. It was believed by the late Z. D. Granville that since engine and venturi cowl have to be of large diameter, the maximum cross-section of the fuselage should be even larger for true streamline effect.

The wing is untapered up to the wire supports, and from then on is fully tapered. This interesting ship which is described in this issue of AERO DIGEST, should give a good account of itself in the London-Melbourne Race.

#### Freedom from Knock

Val Cronstedt of the Lycoming Manufacturing Co., and John Geisse of the Department of Commerce were in agreement that a notable feature of the races was freedom from knock or detonation (in spite of high compression ratios and highly-g geared superchargers) particularly in the powered dives of Army and Navy fliers. When cross-examined as to the miraculous powers of hearing which enabled them to note absence of detonation, they pointed out that it was rather freedom from visible exhaust stack smoke which led to the above inference. Better fuels and improved exhaust valve design were the probable reasons.

#### Armchair Advice to Racing Pilots

The short laps on the high speed races introduce dangers, but certainly a short lap increases the thrills of watching a race. This is particularly true when standing at the very top of the Press box, from which all four pylons are visible. Cy Caldwell pointed out to us from this position of vantage, that the leading pilot in one or two races flew as if on a railroad track, in an unvariable horizontal plane. Armchair opinion can be given to this pilot (probably Roy Minor) that he was right. If an up-and-down course is flown, more power will be lost in simply overcoming skin friction or profile drag on the substantially longer path. Further, while the pilot is diving he can only extract 100 per cent of the work done by gravity. On climbing, the engine has to provide 100 per cent divided by the propeller efficiency of the work to be done against gravity.

When considering turns around pylons, the problem of correct method is more complex. The general conclusions of some British Reports and Memorandums are as follows:

1. A tight turn is better than a loose turn, but there is no advantage in going to a centrifugal acceleration of over 5g.

2. It does not pay either to lose or gain altitude on the turn, although practical considerations may make it advisable to gain a little height on the turn.

3. It is probably best to turn with a constant centrifugal load; that is, to in-



Long-range, high-speed, P. & W.-powered "Q.E.D." entered in the Bendix Race

crease incidence by use of the elevator as forward speed is lost in the turn.

4. By bringing the plane almost to a stall from the beginning of the turn it is possible to make the most rapid turn, but there will then be too big a decrease of forward speed—so that average time will be less satisfactory.

In other words, racing pilots should practice moderation, neither turn too tightly nor too loosely; neither zoom up sharply nor lose too much altitude.

#### Safety

On the well-known principle of locking the hangar door after the airplane has been stolen, it was decided after Doug Davis' tragic accident that a Racing Pilot's Association would in the future inspect ships before a speed dash. While on the subject, it may be useful to point out that mere inspection, however skilled, will not suffice. The crowding of greater engine power in the same ship is a danger against which calculations of stresses alone will guard. The employment of a more powerful engine in the same plane involves only a slight increase in load factor when coming out of a dive (since in the vertical dive the propeller is not pulling, but actually braking). Satisfactory cross-country flying with a more powerful engine is not an assurance of safety, since violent vertical currents may not be encountered. As a rule, engine mounts are so husky that the bigger engine will not apparently affect them. But when it comes to turning around pylons, the greater horsepower will make itself felt. First, owing to the increased speed, there will be a greater variation between the low lift-coefficient of high speed and the maximum lift coefficient of the sharpest possible turn. Second, the greater speed and more powerful slipstream will make the ship more maneuverable. In other words, there are better chances to secure high acceleration loads, and more power for the pilot to bring these loads into being. It should be remembered also that higher speeds always make flutter a more likely possibility.

#### The Next Year's Racer

There is a limit to air-cooled engine possibilities even if double-row engines

are to be put into service. The ideal for a racer (as demonstrated by the Schneider Cup planes) is the smallest possible cross-section of fuselage, but small fuselage cross-section is only utilizable when the frontal area of the engine is small. This inevitably leads back to a water-cooled or chemically-cooled "V" engine, with wing radiator. The Rolls Royce engine of Schneider Trophy race fame points the way with high compression ratios and high r.p.m. Harry Miller, whose reputation in the automobile racing engine field is well established, gave us some interesting notes on this topic. He spoke of a 850 h.p. 12 cylinder "V," with 4,700 r.p.m., geared down, with a frontal area of only 3.5 square feet—the high r.p.m. to be attained by the most refined counterbalancing and special attention to the valve system. Eventually someone will exploit an 18- or 24-cylinder engine in a land racer.

The experience of Weddel-Williams shows apparently that a cantilever job with retractable landing gear turns out to be six miles per hour slower than the thin wing job with external streamline bracing wires. Evidently the thin wing is well worth while. But is it not possible that the use of a *thin* wing, sharply tapered in *plan form only*, with perhaps multiple spars or metal skin would be utilizable with all bracing wires removed.

We have already referred to the possibility of more skillful filleting, greater attention to elimination of interference, cantilever landing gears and numerous other items to achieve better results.

Why not more attention to decreasing weight and hence wing area and overall dimensions? If aerodynamic ideas are scarce, perhaps structural advance will help.

It is often said that land planes can never beat the Italian seaplane record of 440 m.p.h. because seaplanes can be given so much higher loading per square foot. But have lift increase devices been given sufficient attention by the racer designers?

Surely, someone in these United States is capable of turning out a ship which will easily exceed the mark of 400 miles an hour!





## Granville, Miller & DeLackner Model R-6H

● Three weeks before the opening of the 1934 National Air Races, Granville, Miller & DeLackner of Springfield, Mass., resumed work on the model R-6H which its owners hoped to enter in the Bendix and Thompson events.

Working as though they were solving a geometric problem that the ship's very name *Q.E.D.* implies, the manufacturers first had to change the lines to accommodate a Pratt & Whitney Hornet SD engine, which has a rating of 675 horsepower at 2050 r.p.m. at 6000 feet. Four days before the initial test hop, the new engine was installed and 19 hours later, Gehlbach left for Los Angeles, stopping in Cleveland the day before the take-off for the Bendix race. After a delayed start, Gehlbach finally got under way, the plane arrived too late to place in the race, but only a short time after the winner in elapsed time. In the light of these happenings, the flight made by Lee Gehlbach foretells a worthy performance by this plane in the forthcoming MacRobertson Race in which it is entered.

The *Q.E.D.* is a commercial descendant of the GB-11, and is designed and built particularly to meet the latest requirements of the Department of Commerce for a "C" license, and to provide the ultimate in a 2-place enclosed cabin sport plane embodying the highest speed consistent with safe landing speed and gross capacity sufficient to allow long-range operation.

Similar to the GB-11 in its 61-inch fuselage diameter, the new job has been lengthened to 27 ft. 2 in., and carries more than twice the wing and horizontal tail area of its predecessor.

The fuselage is of welded chromolybdenum tubing throughout and features a detachable engine mount. Fasting is obtained by a combination of a minimum over and under the tanks and to the windshield and fabric back to the plywood-covered cantilever fin. Fuel tanks, with accommodations for 400 gallons to give a range of 2400 miles, are slung in the fuselage by padded duct straps. A 25-gallon gravity reserve tank together with a 100-gallon tank occupy the bay directly behind the fire wall

while directly ahead of and away from the fire wall, is a 28-gallon tank for oil. The main tank which has space for 275 gallons of fuel, is provided with a powerful dump valve which functions simultaneously with the opening of an air vent at the top of the tank. When empty and closed, the tank is air-tight and can be utilized to provide buoyancy.

Although the wings are similar to racing design, they differ somewhat from conventional practice. The front spar is built up of two closely spaced spruce beams, with the wires pulling from between them to eliminate eccentricity. The rear spar is a single beam with the wires pulling from a heat-treated compression tube which also serves as an aileron hinge.

The airfoil section is a modification of a recent NACA design with a tapered leading edge and a rounded trailing edge. The landing gear is of the fixed gear type, with a tread of 76 inches and tires attached to long struts, is equipped with wheel brakes. Tension between the landing struts is provided by a heat-treated cross tube of steel. A full cantilever spring with stelled shoe is attached to the fuselage. The rudder is a continuation of the fuselage and is almost 12 inches thick at the base. By a new elevator control system, the stabilizer may be moved to any position while the elevator is in their same relative position.

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added torsion spar behind the hinge spar, and the patented flaps, designed by the late Z. D. Granville, are built into the wing extending from the aileron to the inboard end of each wing panel.

Maple patch plates and steel bushing washers not only provide ample bearing for the wire pull fittings but also strength at the butt fittings. Bolts have fibre bushings to increase their bearing area.

Ribs are of plywood web and spruce cap design, closely spaced and rigidly attached to both spars.

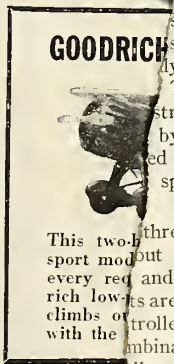
Tail surfaces are all plywood covered, and the entire empennage is full cantilever. The rudder is provided with an adjustable tab; the stabilizer is supported from two widely separated points on the front spar and an adjustable point at the rear spar; and the fin is built on a steel tube framework integral with the fuselage. The rudder is a continuation of the fuselage and is almost 12 inches thick at the base.

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This two-wheel sport model has every required feature for climbing with the three ball bearings are used throughout the control system of the engine and all control surfaces and control surfaces are ball bearing hinged. Ailerons are controlled by a torque tube and push-rod combination, elevators entirely by a push-rod system while rudder and brakes are fully controlled. Engine controls are fully controlled. Engine controls are fully controlled. Engine controls are fully controlled.

for the mixture oil cooler and air intake and torque tube for flap and stabilizer adjustments. Double stainless steel wires are employed for both front and rear flying and landing wires. Full NACA cowl, easily removable.



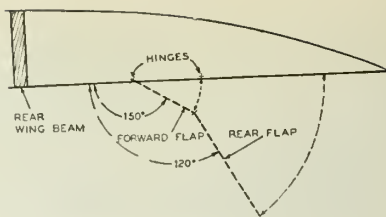
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able in two halves, is attached to two supporting rings, one fore and the other aft of the engine cylinders, and the inner cowl has large quickly removable inspection doors. Engine cooling is obtained by the latest pressure-type baffle, with all fresh air intakes being brought through the engine baffle. Two feed the carburetor, another cools the oil tank, another is for an oil radiator while two more provide fresh air to both cockpits. Exhaust air from the inner cowl is drawn out through a venturi in the bottom of the fairing behind the fire wall while navigation venturi tubes are located between the cylinders and through the baffles.

The convertible cockpits are enclosed by shatter-proof pyralin glass at the sides and sliding side windows which can be adjusted and locked to any position. Dual removable controls and positive fuel level gauges are standard equipment and the instrument panel can be equipped with two sets of navigation and engine instruments. Baggage space is provided in three separate compartments and seats and rudder pedals are adjustable. Fresh air flow in the cockpits is controlled by a swinging cover.

Since complete flight tests have not yet been completed, no record of speeds is available. Other specifications of the



Flap arrangement of the "Q.E.D."

Q.E.D. are as follows:

Wing span	34 feet 3 inches
Overall length	27 feet 2 inches
Overall height	9 feet 6 inches
Angle of incidence	2 degrees
Dihedral	4.5 degrees
Fuel capacity	400 gallons
Oil capacity	28 gallons
Empty weight	3144 pounds
Useful load	3356 pounds
Gross weight	6500 pounds
Wing loading	36 lbs./sq. ft.

Areas (square feet)

Wing area	211
Ailerons	21.2
Elevators	15.6
Stabilizer	24.5
Fin	3.7
Rudder	10.5

**Aerodynamics**

*Velocity Field in a Smooth Current of a Compressible Fluid (Campo di velocità in via corrente piana di fluido compressibile). Part II—Case of the Profiles Obtained by Means of Conformal Transformation from the Circle, and in Particular the Joukowski Profile). L. Poggi. L'Aerotecnica, Vol. 14, No. 5, May, 1934, pp. 532-549, 2 figs.*

RESULTS FROM the first installment in the December issue (abstracted in the March issue of AERO DIGEST) are applied to profiles obtained by conformal transformation from a circle, the object being to establish the expression for the increase of lift coefficient due to compressibility of the fluid, especially for that of the Joukowski profile. For the case of the infinitely thin Joukowski profile at infinitely small incidence, numerical calculations are given the results of which are in accord with those obtained by Prandtl and Glauert.

**Wing Spar Tests**

*Note on a Method of Representing Spar Tests, H. R. Fisher. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1537, February 2, 1933 (published August 21, 1934), 28 pp., 16 figs. on supplementary sheets, 21 tables.*

THE REPORTED investigation was undertaken to show that a graphical method, developed by Professor Southwell for representing experimental observations and proving useful in problems of elastic stability, may be applied to the analysis of tests on airplane spars. Experimental confirmation of the theory is obtained from tests on a steel bar within the elastic limit, and results are shown of applying the method to tests in which the elastic limit is exceeded. Below the elastic limit, it was found that approximations of the Berry type make the method applicable to spar tests, provided the deflection is appropriately defined.

**Aluminum Castings**

*Aluminum Castings for Aircraft, N. F. Budgen. Aircraft Engineering, Vol. 6, No. 66, August, 1934, pp. 207-208, 214.*

ALUMINUM ALLOYS now used in aircraft-engine parts are discussed with notes on the methods and technique of casting them. The author points out the necessity for careful supervision of the workman who molds and pours the castings and explains why some popular aluminum casting alloys have become obsolete. He concludes with suggestions for heat treatment, casting and melting of aluminum.

The same issue of the magazine (pp. 207 and 214) contains an article by A. G. ... end which gives practical suggestions on the casting and machining of aluminum alloy pistons.

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**Propeller Design**

*The Airplane Propellers. Essays from this the Verification of Blade Resilience (Hélices Aéronautiques. Calcul de la résistance des pales), M. W. ... Générale de L'Aéronautique, pp. 24-83, 3 figs.*

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out that mere inspection, will not suffice. The crowdin engine power in the same ship is against which calculations of ... alone will guard. The employment more powerful engine in the same M involves only a slight increase in lo factor when coming out of a dive (sin in the vertical dive the propeller is i pulling, but actually braking). Satisfactory cross-country flying with a more powerful engine is not an assurance of safety, since violent vertical currents may not be encountered. As a rule, engine mounts are so husky that the bigger engine will not apparently affect them. B when it comes to turning around pylor the greater horsepower will make itself felt First, owing to the increased speed, the will be a greater variation between th low lift-coefficient of high speed and the casting them. The author points out the maximum lift coefficient of the sharpest possible turn. Second, the greater speed workman who molds and pours the castings and explains why some popular aluminum casting alloys have become obsolete. He concludes with suggestions for high acceleration loads, and more power for the pilot to bring these loads into being. It should be remembered also that higher speeds always make flutter a more likely possibility.

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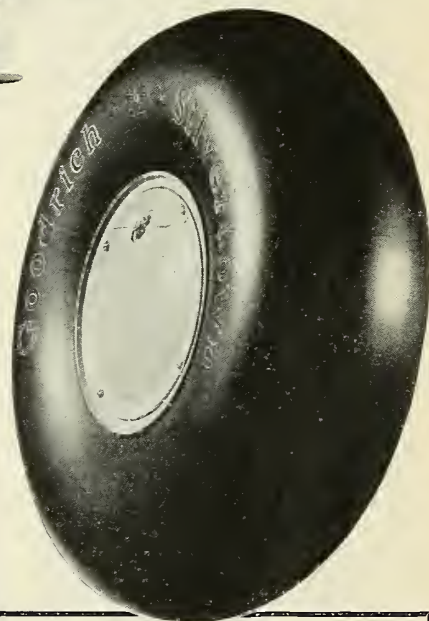
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## Fuel Research

*Research on the Constituents of Petroleum and Gas Oils. Tests Established by a Quantitative Method of Analysis. (Recherches sur les constituants des "pétroles" et des "gasols"), E. Carrière and H. Bonnet. Publications Scientifiques et Techniques du Ministère de l'Air, Service des Recherches de L'Aéronautique, No. 43, 1934, 32 pp., 4 figs.*

A SIMPLE method is established for proportioning the types of carbons which can be found in petroleum and gas oils. In regard to the petroleum, the authors have indicated two methods, the first based on the use of mean densities at 20° of acyclic and cyclic saturated carbons in function of the boiling point, and the second based on the use of factors of mean refraction of these carbons. The aromatic carbons are proportioned by means of the index of nitration and the proportion of benzenic carbons to the naphthalenic and polybenzenic carbons results from the determination of the density of the niter product. With reference to the gas oils, the authors describe a method based on the employment of the mean densities at 20° of the acyclic and cyclic saturated carbons in functions of the boiling point. These methods are a generalization of those proposed by E. Carrière and R. Lautie for the proportioning of gasoline.

## Aileron Tests

*Aileron Angles in High Speed Manoeuvres with Single Seater Fighters, B. V. Williams and J. H. Hartley. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1582, September 11, 1933 (published August 2, 1934), 8 pp., 6 figs.*

FULL-SCALE experiments were made to investigate aileron movements in two single-seater fighters during high-speed maneuvers in order to provide data for the revision of strength requirements. It was found that the ailerons of the first airplane were so heavy that full aileron could not be applied at top level speed whereas at high speed in the dive with engine throttled only a small movement of the ailerons could be obtained. On the second airplane full aileron appeared to be applied seldom at top level speed or higher speeds, but it might be possible with the use of abnormal force. A considerable amount of aileron could, however, be used at speeds well in excess of top level speed when diving with engine throttled.

## Formed Metal Tests

*A Study of Tests for Formed Metals (Étude sur les essais d'emboutissage des métaux), H. Fournier. Publications Scientifiques et Techniques du Ministère de l'Air, No. 44, 1934, 33 pp., 25 figs.; also 41 tables and 12 plates on supplementary sheets.*

THE NEW method developed by Siebel and Pomp at the Kaiser-Wilhelm

Institute for testing formed sheet metal is studied and compared with methods developed by Persoz and Erichsen as well as with tension tests. The tests are applied to the study of various sheet metals in different states. Tables are included which indicate the influence of thermal and mechanical treatment on the results of these tests and cover ordinary semi-hard steel, stainless steel, brass, aluminum and treated and annealed duralumin. The author concludes that each test has its particular applications. The K.W.I. method is suitable for the qualification of sheet metals of large elongation and would be equally interesting for calculating a small decrease in the properties produced, as for example, increase in the size of the grain or corrosion. The Persoz and Erichsen tests would be preferable for the qualification of metals of small elongation and for the study of variations of properties in functions of treatment. The results of tension tests are interesting for the study of metal working, but are applied to relatively thick sheets.

## Manometer

*An Improved Multitube Tilting Manometer, R. Warden (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda 1572, November, 1933. (Published April, 1934.) 6 pp., 3 figs.*

A NEW model multitube tilting manometer designed to overcome the disadvantages of the older models is described. Precautions were taken in the design and manufacture of the instrument to eliminate any danger of trouble due to distortion. The table assemblage rotates about a pin and is roughly balanced about its axis of rotation. The measuring tubes are matched and calibration factors for individual tubes are not required. A method of setting the table is described whereby the actual observations are the values of the standard coefficients ( $P/\rho V^2$ ). A system of indirect lighting which gives a bright meniscus and scale against a dark background and eliminates parallax errors and eyestrain is incorporated. A sensitivity and accuracy equivalent to that of a 26-inch Chattock gauge has been achieved. (Continued on p. 52)

## Bellanca "Irish Swoop" Racer

● The Bellanca low-wing racer, the *Irish Swoop*, built especially for Col. James Fitzmaurice, Irish pilot, features high speed and long range, attributes necessary for a ship entered in the forthcoming MacRobertson Races from England to Australia.

Powered by a Pratt & Whitney Twin-Wasp Junior two-row engine developing 700 horsepower, and equipped with a Hamilton Standard controllable-pitch propeller, the plane is expected to attain a top speed of 275 miles an hour and cruise at approximately 240 miles an hour. Provisions have been made to carry 650 gallons of fuel, in a tank located between the cockpit and fire wall, and estimated to give a range of from 2500 to 2800 miles at cruising speed.

The 46-foot wing follows conventional Bellanca design and, like the fuselage, is constructed of wood and covered with

fabric. The cockpit provides a tandem seating arrangement and dual controls for Col. Fitzmaurice and his co-pilot. Among the instruments carried are a Sperry directional gyro and a visual and aural radio direction finder. The convertible cockpit is enclosed with a sliding, three-section transparent hood having an arrangement at the side of the front seat to enable complete and quick opening of the top.

The retractable tubular steel landing gear, with a tread of 12 feet 6 inches, folds inward into the wings. Tail surfaces are of fabric-covered wood construction. The tail wheel is non-swivelable. Two streamlined cabane struts, each with a clearance of 18 inches, are used below the fuselage for attachment of the streamline flying wires.

Complete performance figures are not available for publication before the race.



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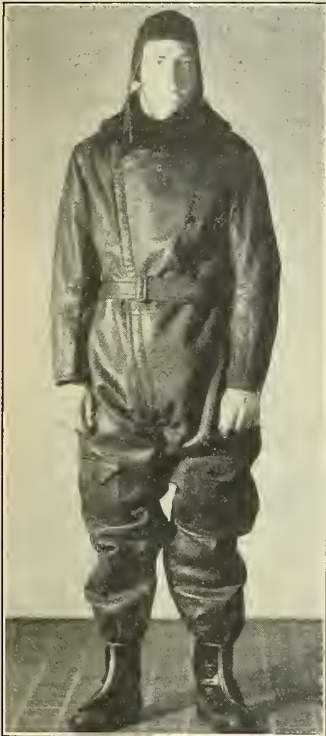
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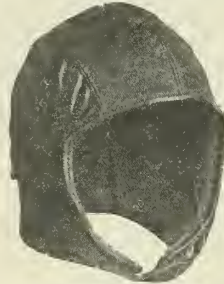


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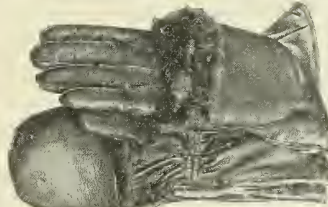


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# Basic Design Features of the Pan American Sikorsky Model S-42 Airplane

(Concluded from the September issue)

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● The structure of the wing is of the conventional type in its general layout; that is, of the 2-spar type in which both spars are interconnected by compression ribs. In the S-40, the chord members of the spars are of the type shown in figure A, having flat sides. As flat plates in compression are not as strong as curved plates, use is made of this law of nature and a curved cross section (figure B) adopted for the chord member. Such a curved section is just as easy to manufacture as one with flat sides, for both are extruded aluminum alloy sections. Web members between the upper and lower chord members are connected to them by means of gusset plates and bolted with self-locking nuts. The writer, however, suggested the use of chord members having integral gusset plates (as in figure C) which eliminate about 33% of the bolts and nuts at the points where web members are attached. A good portion of the gusset plate area is also eliminated, lightening the structure besides giving greater stiffness. The unused portion of the integral plate between attachment points is then easily cut away from the chord members. The web members, which have an I section with lightening holes in the web, may be built lighter, giving them more even buckling strength about their major axes. Subsequent airplanes of modern design will have this type of construction with integral gusset plates. In fact, the writer has always found it highly desirable to employ methods of construction in which the number of separate joints is reduced to a minimum and replaced by integral joints, even to the extent that entire members are made of one and the same body material.

The fundamental principle of economical structural design, i.e., achieving ultimate strength while using a minimum of matter (or, in other words, obtaining a high strength/weight ratio) is obtainable first by selecting materials which in themselves have a high strength/weight ratio, and then so distributing them that their cooperation insures a high strength/weight ratio. This distribution of matter in its final state is usually referred to as the structure. Here, as anywhere else, the right material must be used in its right place. Tensile loads are easily taken care of, but compressive, buckling, crippling, bending and torsional loads create difficulties which must be promptly

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**While this is the concluding chapter on the above subject, the writer does not claim that the description or discussion are by any means complete. However, it is hoped that these articles may give an idea of some of the paramount thoughts which governed the realization of an airplane which departs from the old school in respect to efficiency, economy and earning power. The following notes may also be considered an introduction to the basic structural necessities for economical airplane design in general.**

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ly counteracted by proper structures. Since these loads use leverage in their destructive action, they must be counteracted also by leverages. One of the favorable elements of airplane design is that leverage is distance and distance weighs nothing. As the strength of a structure is a function of the strength of the material used and the leverage on which it acts, it follows that light structure can only be made by the application of widely distributed matter, so as to increase its leverage.

Nature itself indicates this principle by supplying the frame of animal life with closed hollow tubular sections which, in aircraft design, find their counterparts in tubular struts and similar structures. The distance between the materials used in aircraft construction cannot indefinitely grow because wall and sheet thicknesses become impractically thin and crinkle. By curving or corrugating the material this can be overcome if the distances are not too great.

Based on these principles, the proper thing to do is distribute the material, thus arriving at a wing with stressed skin. This principle cannot be escaped and the quicker we put this into practice the better it will be for all concerned, airlines and manufacturers alike. Because they want to stay in business and be self-supporting, we must have and deliver efficient aircraft. Here the aero-

dynamical qualities and the structural qualities of aircraft go hand in hand, and both are expressed mainly by two simple ratios: a high lift over drag ( $L/D$ ) ratio for cruising at ever higher speeds, and a high strength over weight ratio. Both of these are favored by a high wing loading, of which mention was made in last month's installment of this article.

The structural principles above explained are to be applied for all component members of an airplane—wing, tail, hull, fuselage, engine mounts, landing gear, beaching gear, external bracing, etc., but in the latter case care should be taken to minimize the strife between aerodynamic and structural efficiency, indicating that these two items enter in direct conflict with each other as soon as we start to take our structure outside of the boundary of the otherwise closed bodies. It is up to the ability and ingenuity of the aerodynamicist and stress analyst (who are actually the prime designers of a plane) to arrive at the ultimate combination which will allow the highest possible payload, which payload is dominated by the combination of the least possible fuel consumption and the least possible structural weight.

For instance, in the case of a huge plane of the practically all-flying-wing type, in which an  $L/D$  ratio of about 20 or more may be obtainable, an additional pound of drag may be expressed as being equivalent to about 20 pounds of additional structural weight. This shows that it might be better to add some 15 pounds of weight rather than to increase the drag by one pound. It also shows that the less the aircraft is refined (that is, mainly, the less the value of the  $L/D$ ) the less will be the unfavorable influence of adding drag by exposed structure. But our aim is to obtain even higher efficiencies, hence exposed structural members will have an ever-increasing unfavorable influence on this efficiency. The best that can be done, then, is to crowd the structure as much as practical to the boundary, and keep the exceptional cases of exposed structure to a strict minimum.

The principle of letting the boundary and the skin of airplane parts carry the load was probably first expressed to a large extent in the creation of the monocoque type of fuselage during the war and subsequently in flying boat hulls. In regard to boat hulls, it is

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Sections of wing spar members



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quite possible today to build them without high keels. A keel member brings material nearer to the center of the cross section of the hull, which is undesirable. Longitudinal stringers or a corrugated skin on the bottom and roof are more logical means of obtaining the required strength, while the bulkheads former frames will maintain the shape of the hull and give it the required transverse stiffness.

As for the drag of these bodies, much improvement will be made in the direct future. The general tendency has been to decrease the cross section of fuselages and boats as much as practically possible (taking into consideration other requirements, such as take-offs for boats) for fear that the head resistance is practically entirely dominated by the cross section of these containers. This however, is by no means true, as was shown by the aerodynamical experiments of George Eiffel in his laboratory at Paris some 24 years ago, when it was revealed that for a more or less streamline body of the Zeppelin dirigible type of those days, skin friction represented about 80% of the total drag. This being so, the cross section plays rather a minor role in the drag of a streamline body of a length which is excessive compared to its cross-sectional dimensions. This gives an indication of the usefulness of stubbier fuselages and boats, which, when their length is predetermined by such requirements as tail distance, will allow for larger cross sections, resulting in more inside roominess, comfort and pay load capacity. This principle has been demonstrated by the Gee Bee racers the fuselages of which are short compared with their cross sectional dimensions. However it is paramount that the fuselage, or boat or float, be considered purely as a streamline form and their lines calculated as such. No straight lines in the fore-aft direction should appear on them, except, of course, on the bottoms of flying water-craft, where hydrodynamical requirements for take-off and landing must be fulfilled. In this case it is possible to combine a low drag boat, fuselage, etc., which allows a

high value of  $L/D$  of the entire airplane and still give spaceousness and luxurious comfort.

This desirable condition can be further increased by quietness, and, on this account, the airplane must be vibration and sound proof. The first step in this respect is to prevent, to as great an extent as possible, the creation of vibrations at their source—the power plant, comprising the engines and propellers. The creation of these vibrations can not be entirely prevented, notwithstanding the increase in the number of engine cylinders and the use of three-bladed propellers. The engine mount itself has to be solidly built.

Comparatively, a rock does not vibrate, but a spring does. The following experiment, to show how vibration is transmitted, may easily be made in an ordinary office chair having arm rests composed of vertical and horizontal members. Lean with your back against the back of the chair and tap with your fingernails against the ends of the arm rests, first in a plane containing the two members, and then horizontally at the sides of the arm rests. It will be observed that the first tapping, (in which the arm rest members are submitted to axial loads) results in almost negligible vibration, but the horizontal taps, (in which the members are loaded in bending) cause a pronounced vibration to be transmitted to the back.

This simple demonstration shows that to keep undesirable vibration out of the structure the quickly-variable loads in an engine mount (created by the rapid torque variation of the engine) must be taken up by axial loads in the structural members of the engine mount, and that the variable bending loads must be avoided. The rule is then that the tangent to the engine mounting at the apex of any two structural members must be in the plane of these members. In such a case there is no component at right angles to the plane of these members, which component would subject the members to undesirable variable bending which creates vibration. Instead, these members are loaded by axial forces to which they are very solid.

Preferably, at least 4 points of attachment should be located on the engine ring, equally spaced so as to have two triangles in two vertical planes and two triangles in two horizontal planes. Experience has shown this idea to be correct and it is, therefore, possible to select a type of construction which is sound in preference to one of the vibrational types.

In this respect also the S-42 is of sound construction and in all the test flights that the writer was aboard the plane (and he missed not one, beginning with the manufacturer's demonstration flight), he enjoyed the remarkable sturdiness and solidity of this giant airliner.

## Digest of Foreign Technical Articles

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### Airport Design

*A Design for an Air Port*, H. G. Cousins. *Aircraft Engineering*, Vol. 6, Nos. 65 and 66, July and August, 1934, pp. 193-196 and 220-223, 6 figs.

THE DESIGN described was awarded the 1934 Charles Hawksley Prize by the Institution of Civil Engineers and is intended to provide customs facilities and hangars for all types of aircraft from sport planes to the largest types of airliners. The author discusses the choice and planning of the site, clearance and preparation, drainage of storm water and subsoil, and adopts the Duval system for planning the airport buildings. The first article concludes with details of the terminal building, while the second is devoted to the hangars, covering the doors, workshops, lighting, heating and ventilation, fire fighting, and gasoline supply as well as the estimated cost of such a project.

### Wing Coverings

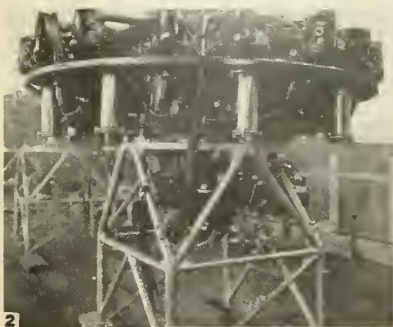
*Bending of a Beam with Thin Metal Covering (La flessione delle travi con piastra sottile)*, P. Cicala. *Atti della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, Vol. 69, No. 12, 1933-34, pp. 171-187, 4 figs.

IN DISCUSSING the bending of cantilever beams with thin metal coverings, such as used in airplane wings, the author analyzes the case in which the corrugated metal may be capable of supporting only the tensile stress. Introducing the hypothesis that the corrugations are parallel, he determines the development of stresses in the beam and the ideal thickness of the metal in order that, bending solidly with the beam, it may carry its share of the bending equal to what the metal may effectively support. He derives an expression for the work of deformation and for the inclination of the corrugations, with respect to the axis of the beam, at which the work is a minimum.

### Airplane Structures

*The Dynamic Stresses in Aeronautical Construction (Le azioni dinamiche nelle costruzioni aeronautiche)*, G. Guidi. *L'Acrotecnica*, Vol. 14, No. 6, June, 1934, pp. 671-685, 3 figs.

AN EXPERIMENTAL procedure is discussed for reproducing on an isolated element of an airplane structure the repeated static and dynamic stresses to which the element is subjected when at rest and in flight. The author also suggests a method by which the capacity for resistance of an isolated element in a structure may be analyzed and verifies the fact that it offers the desired margin of safety.



Engine mount of the Sikorsky S-42



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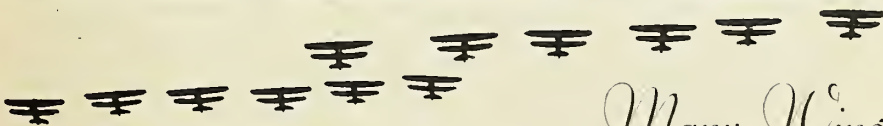
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# THE AIR SERVICES

## St. Louis Unit Gets Recognition

RATING AS second best naval reserve air base in the United States was awarded the U. S. Naval Reserve Air Base located at St. Louis, according to an official report received by Lieut. T. B. Williamson, base commander. There are approximately 20 naval reserve air bases in the country.

The Navy department rates the stations on the ability of the men to handle their planes under all conditions including accuracy in dive bombing, in radio communication between the ships and the ground and for drill attendance.

The enlisted men were examined and the air base inspected in June by a board from the Bureau of Aeronautics.

## Foreign Officers Take Courses

WHEN THE fall term of the U. S. Army Corps tactical school at Montgomery, Ala., opened last month, it was found that four foreign students were enrolled through the courtesy of the U. S. Government. They are: Capt. Ziya and Capt. Tefvik of Turkey and Lieut. Ricardo L. Castenada and Javier Gonzalez of Mexico.

## ZMC-2 In Service Five Years

AUGUST 19, marked the fifth anniversary of the launching of the Navy's metalclad, ZMC-2, at the Grosse Ile Airport, Detroit, Mich.

During this period the ZMC-2 has been almost continuously in operation as a training and experimental ship assigned to the U. S. Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J., and has flown approximately 50,000 miles during her 1,100 hours in the air.

Built by the Metalclad Airship Corp., Detroit, Mich., the ZMC-2 is the first successful airship with the hull, including the hull covering itself, built entirely of metal.

Alclad, a strong aluminum alloy, now in general use in most types of aircraft construction, was employed commercially for the first time in the building of the ZMC-2.

## Midshipmen Visit Langley

TO FURTHER familiarize themselves with naval aviation, members of the first class of midshipmen at the Naval Academy made the first visit ever made by Naval Cadets to the Langley Memorial

Laboratories at Langley Field, Va. The visit was accomplished when their practice squadron, the U. S. S. *Arkansas* and *Wyoming*, was in Hampton Roads.

## NOEL DAVIS TROPHY AWARDED TO VN-6R

THE NOEL DAVIS Trophy, presented annually for the highest efficiency in the Fleet Reserve Aviation Division was awarded to VN Squadron 6R, Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C. Lieut. M. M. Cloukey, commanding officer of the unit, received the trophy from Rear Admiral J. R. Defrees, commandant of the Navy Yard, while Rear Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander A. E. Montgomery and Lieut. Comdr. W. K. Harrill looked on during the ceremonies.

## First Lady Asked to Sponsor Carrier

SECRETARY OF the Navy Swanson has invited Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to sponsor the aircraft carrier CV-6, to be named the U.S.S. *Enterprise*. The ship is now under construction at Newport News and no date has been set for the launching, which will occur early next year.

The *Enterprise* is of 20,000-ton displacement. Her keel was laid on July 16, 1934 and on September 1, she was reported as being 12.7 per cent complete. The contract date set for her completion is February 3, 1937.

This will be the sixth vessel to bear the name *Enterprise*.

## Harms Commands Randolph Field

ORDERS WERE issued in Washington designating Maj. Henry W. Harms as commandant of the Air Corps Primary Training School at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Tex., succeeding Lieut. Col. Frederick I. Martin, who has been transferred to the War College at Washington. Maj. Harms has been acting as assistant commandant of the school. Maj. Lloyd N. Keesling, now on leave in Virginia, has been appointed assistant commandant.

Brig. Gen. James E. Chaney, former commander of Kelly Field, who has been assigned to command the air corps training center to succeed Col. Charles H. Danforth, is expected to leave Washington shortly for San Antonio to assume his new duties.

## TC-14 Undergoing Tests

THE TC-14, largest semi-rigid airship in the world, will be sent to Scott Field, near Belleville, Ill., soon from Hammondsport, N. Y., where it was built and is undergoing test flights.

The airship will be used for scouting and observation training work during the winter months and it will be shipped to Scott Field by rail and remain until next April.

The TC-14 has a new-type control gear for semi-rigid airships and attains a speed of 80 miles an hour. It is 245 feet long and 50 feet wide at its longest and widest points, with a helium-gas capacity of 400,000 cubic feet.

Its observation car can accommodate a crew of 16, is 43 feet long and 20 feet wide. On the sides of this car are slots for machine guns. The dirigible is propelled by two 300-horsepower engines and an auxiliary engine of 125 horsepower.

## Burwell Commands Air Unit

MAJOR HARVEY S. Burwell, for the past two years stationed at the General Staff and Command School, Fort Leavenworth, from which he was graduated, is now at Omaha, where he has assumed the post of air officer of the Seventh Corps Army Area. He succeeds Major H. J. Houghland, transferred to Langley Field, Va.

## Randolph Chapel Dedicated

IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION ceremonies in which Col. Alva J. Brasted, chief chaplain of the United States Army, took part, were held at the new \$55,000 chapel at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Tex., September 2. Col. Brasted flew to San Antonio from Washington in a plane piloted by Col. Jacob E. Finkel. Guests of honor at the dedication ceremony included Mrs. Cornelia Randolph, widow of the late Capt. William M. Randolph, for whom the field was named.

## Carrier Planes Train

INITIAL MANEUVERS of a two-month training course got under-way at Philadelphia when 36 bombing planes were ordered there from the aircraft carriers *Saratoga* and *Lexington*. The planes are practising defensive and offensive measures, going out to the Delaware Breakwater to bomb targets.

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# NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS

## *Boston University Gives Air Course*

THE MAJOR importance of aeronautics in the fields of transportation, communication and manufacture, and indications of a need for broad training for the many young men who will presently be drafted into this industry have caused the inauguration of a department of aeronautics in Boston University's college of business administration. Hilding Carlson, professor in the college of business administration, will be the head of the new department, according to Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, president of the University, and Dean Everett W. Lord.

This course is designed to provide practical and technical phases of airplane design, manufacture, operation and administration. In order to secure adequate training in all of the phases leading to the proper induction into the aeronautical industry, the University has arranged a curriculum in cooperation with the Boston Aeronautical Institute and Wentworth Institute. At present Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the only other New England institution offering a complete course in aeronautical engineering.

Recognizing that an academic training alone is insufficient, this course offers two summer sessions of six weeks each, given at the Boston Airport, where students are trained in the practical phases of airplane and airplane engines, overhaul, maintenance and repair.

## *McMenamin In South America*

DAVID McMENAMIN, of the Rising Sun Aircraft School, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., sailed recently for Rio de Janeiro, where he will take up his new duties as manager of one of the largest airports and aircraft factories in South America.

Previous to his departure, McMenamin was chief instructor in Autogiro Mechanics for the Rising Sun School.

## *College Adds Aeronautics Course*

A COURSE in aeronautics has been added to the curriculum of the Engineering School of the Rhode Island State College. According to the president's announcement, Igor Sikorsky, who has been lecturing at the college for a number of years on various subjects connected with aviation, will conduct the course.

## *Purdue's Field Ready for Use*

THE NEW airport at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., which is to serve both as a commercial port and as a training field for the aviation department of the university, has been formally opened, and Captain L. J. Aretz, of the 113th Observation Squadron, has been named superintendent. The city of

Lafayette has closed the old Shanbaugh airport.

Service will be maintained day and night, and the port is equipped with the latest developments in lighting and in shop arrangements.

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## RECORD ENROLLMENT IN ENGINEERING COURSE

THE POPULARITY of the Aeronautical Engineering course at the University of Cincinnati's College of Engineering and Commerce is attested by the record enrollment of Freshman students this year, estimated as more than 25 per cent over last year. The course is for five years on the co-operative system. Students, after the first semester, spend seven weeks in school and seven weeks in some correlative work chosen by the University. Major Bradley Jones, professor of aeronautics, is head of the department.

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## *Parachute School Organized*

GENE ROCK, veteran parachute jumper, is to establish a training course for parachute packers and jumpers at the Paul Baer municipal airport, Fort Wayne, Ind. Rock was licensed in August by the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Department of Commerce as a parachute packer, and plans to conduct an approved and licensed institution.

## *Wind Tunnel For Parks*

PARKS AIR College has added to its equipment a three foot, open-throat, return passage wind tunnel, now being constructed. The tunnel will cover a surface of 22 feet by 14 feet and will be used for aerodynamic research work and for studying drag. The results of the experiments performed by the engineering students will be used to design light-planes. Complete blue prints will be made and one plane from each set will be constructed in the shops by the students of the school.

## *Large Student Group in Lakeland*

TWENTY-SIX students are now taking flying instruction with Raymond Aircraft Co., Lakeland, Fla., under the direction of William H. DaBoll.

The company, owned by Wesley Raymond, is Florida and Georgia distributor for Kinner aircraft and maintains three Birds, two Aeronacs and a well equipped shop and servicing facilities at the local municipal airport.

An Aero Club has been formed by the students and its roster now includes about 40 members.

## *Ryan Adds Radio Equipment*

NEW FLIGHT radio equipment for use of its transport students has recently been installed at the Ryan School of Aeronautics, San Diego, Calif. The sets combine the latest developments for aerial control and enable the student not only to receive voice directions from the ground, but also instruction in radio beam flying. Conditions at Ryan are well-suited for this training inasmuch as a radio beam station is on the north end of Lindbergh Field which enables the students to fly the beam and also determine their position from the cone of silence, thereby simulating the conditions encountered when approaching an overcast field. This training is in addition to and is later combined with the blind flying instruction which is also included in the regular training of transport students.

Paul Wilcox, flight instructor and formerly chief test pilot for Continental Motor, has rejoined the Ryan faculty.

## *Webber Added to Parks Faculty*

PARKS AIR College now has as a member of its faculty Douglas H. Webber, who has left his position as Chief Engineer for Rearwin Airplanes, Inc., where he helped complete the design of the new Rearwin Speedster. He will teach in the Aeronautical Engineering School.

## *N. Y. U. Resumes Air Courses*

EIGHT COURSES in aviation for pilots and ground school teachers, temporarily suspended for the summer vacation, are again being offered at New York University, School of Education, New York, N. Y., under the direction of Roland H. Spaulding. They cover aircraft, engines, instruments, meteorology, navigation, aeronautic education and research.

## *Bureau Approves Two Schools*

APPROVED SCHOOL certificates were issued by the Department of Commerce to Erickson & Remmert, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, New York and Muncie Aviation Corp., Muncie, Ind. The former has approval as a private and amateur pilot ground and flying school (in conjunction with New York University's ground school) while the latter has been sanctioned as a limited commercial, private and amateur ground and flying school.

## *Operator Prepares For Busy Season*

MAX A. CONRAD, Jr., transport pilot and president of Conrad Flying Service, Inc., Winona, Minn., is looking forward to another busy season for his school as a result of a greater desire in this section to learn to fly. At present, 27 students are enrolled in the school.

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# AT THE AIRPORTS

## Repair Station Approvals Issued

THREE FIXED base operators and one transport company were issued approved repair station certificates by the Bureau of Air Commerce, Department of Commerce, as follows:

Southern Airways, Inc., Daniel Field, Augusta, Ga., for wood structure (excluding box type and laminated wing spars).

August Graf, Canaan, Conn., for welded steel tube box structure, wood structure excluding box and laminated spars, fabric covering, steel fittings, assembly.

New England Aircraft School, Boston Airport, E. Boston, Mass., for welded steel tube structure, wood structure excluding box and laminated spars, fabric covering, steel fittings, assembly.

Pacific Seaboard Air Lines, Inc., Memphis, Tenn., for welded steel tube structure, wood structure excluding box and laminated spars, fabric covering, steel fittings, assembly, instrument overhaul and repair.

## Airport At Anamosa Started

WORK HAS been started in converting the fairground adjoining Anamosa, Ia., into an airport. On the site, which includes the old fairground and five additional acres, two runways, each more than 200 feet wide, will be built sufficiently long to provide adequate landing or take off space for any type plane.

## Work Started On La Crosse Airport

WORK HAS been started on French Island near La Crosse, Wis., to reconvert Pfafflin airport into a field which meets specifications of the Department of Commerce. Under the proposed project, the

field will be marked by board markers as an outline for the port. A 100-foot circle, designating the landing field, will be constructed, and the field will be graded and two runways built. The runways will be 300 feet wide by 2,800 feet long. A wind indicator will also be erected.

## TEN AIRPORTS RECEIVE ENTRY DESIGNATION

THE FOLLOWING airports have been redesignated temporary airports of entry for a period of one year: Juneau Airport, Juneau and Ketchikan Airport, Ketchikan, Alaska; Municipal Airport, Detroit and Municipal Airport, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; Marine Airport, Buffalo and Seaplane Base, Rouses Point, N. Y.; Municipal Airport, Burlington and Missisquoi Airport, Swanton, Vt.; Municipal Airport, Crosby, N. D., and Municipal Airport, Port Townsend, Wash.

## 36 Michigan Ports Being Completed

WORK HAS been resumed on 36 of Michigan's airport development projects financed out of Federal Relief Funds, and they may be completed in a few months, according to officials of the State Board of Aeronautics, who said adequate funds are available for the completion of the work.

Aeronautics Board officials are urging local authorities to complete the transfer of airport projects to the FERA rolls as rapidly as possible and eight other projects are scheduled to start soon. These are located in Owosso, Bellaire, Northport, Hillman, Frankfort, Coldwater, Harrison and Niles.

## Airliners On Display At Airport

EVERY CLASS of high-speed commercial air transport regularly using Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., was on display there when the airport recently observed "open house." T.W.A. had in line its new Douglas 14-passenger plane and its new Northrop Gamma, mail and express carrier; American Airlines showed its Curtiss-Wright Condor sleeper and its Vultee transport and Central Airways of Mexico displayed two types of Lockheed—the new Electra and the Orion.

Representatives of the airlines and pilots were on hand to explain the details of the different airliners to the public which was admitted free of charge.

Approximately fifty passes for flights in the several types of transports were provided in connection with the display.

## Aereco Flying Service Sold

AERECO FLYING Service, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been sold to a group of local operators headed by Bernard Lloyd, well-known Fort Wayne pilot, and will be reorganized and continued in operation from the Paul Baer municipal airport there. Sale of the service was negotiated in August.

O. B. McVey will be instructor-pilot under the new organization and Ward Hall will be in the service department.

## Mishawaka Airport Opens

A NEW landing field has been laid out at the southern edge of Mishawaka, Ind., and efforts are under way for the installation of further improvements.

Flyers from the Bendix Municipal port at South Bend took part in an air show to dedicate the field, and to stimulate civic interest in it. The plot consists of 106 acres of level land, and is under contract to the H. & H. Flying Service, a new unit organized by E. R. Humphrey and M. L. Hatfield.

## Meacham Field Runways

DURING THE recent improvement of Meacham Field, Fort Worth, Tex., a portion of the original runway plans for the project was carried through to completion.

The original plan called for four runways: one running north-south for 4,000 feet; another, northwest-southeast, 4,000 feet; a third, east-west, 3,800 feet and a fourth, northeast-southwest, 3,900 feet. At present, the field has 2,500 feet in its north-south runway, 2,900 feet in its northwest-southeast runway and 900 feet in its east-west runway.

The work was accomplished by the City Street Department under the supervision of D. C. Lipscomb, Superintendent of Streets.



View of Meacham Field, Fort Worth, showing layout of runways

### Marshall Field Being Improved

THE AIRPORT improvement project at Marshall, Minn., launched last winter, is to be carried through to completion this fall. Completion of the proposed work will give the field one east-west runway, 600 feet wide and half a mile long, while the north-south runway will be 300 feet wide and a half mile long. A short runway will be run across the intersection of the two runways, making it possible for planes to land from nearly any direction. The proposed work also entails adequate marking for the field, including panel markers at 200-foot intervals around the airport.

### Sheldon Airport Dedicated

THE SHELDON Aeronautics Club, Sheldon, Ia., sponsored a two-day air show at the city airport, September 8 and 9, in conjunction with dedication ceremonies for the new airport. Many aviators from Iowa and neighboring states took part in the circus which consisted of parachute jumping, stunt flying, ribbon cutting contests and speed races.

### Idabel Airport Draws Commendation

THE NEW airport in Idabel, Oklahoma, consists of 160 acres, with two runways, each one hundred feet wide. Circle markers have been installed, a wind cone has been built and a new fence completely surrounds the property. State and national officials have complimented city officials for the completeness of the field in this small city.

### 18 New Airports Established

ACCORDING TO information received by the Bureau of Air Commerce, 18 cities have established or completed improvements of airports in the past month. These include projects in Dotham, Ala.; Little Rock, Ark.; Lakeland, Fla.; Columbus and Savannah, Ga.; Davenport, Ia.; Norwood, Mass.; Flint, Mich.; Three Forks, Mont.; Beach Bismarck and Devils Lake, N. D.; Scranton, Pa.; Providence and Smithfield, R. I.; Memphis, Tenn.; Beaumont, Tex.; and Cody, Wyo.

### Operator in New Quarters

STINSON AIR Cab Service, operated by John H. Shobe at the Boston Airport, East Boston, Mass., has moved to the American Airways hangar on the same field, offering student instruction, charter and passenger service, with two Stinsons and an Aeronca. A. C. Leichsheid is now with the company as pilot.

### Weather Observer Contracts Awarded

ALTITUDE FLIGHTS for the purpose of obtaining first-hand information for accurate weather reports, will be made by George R. Lockhart, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Harry B. Sidles, Billings,

Mont., following the award of contracts for the work.

The contracts are for one year and will end July, 1935. The pilots measure the depth of cold and warm air currents over their territory as an aid in forecasting the weather.

### Niezer Heads Flying Service

LOUIS NIEZER has been selected general manager and secretary-treasurer of the Aereco Flying Service, Paul Baer Municipal field, Fort Wayne, Indiana, succeeding Capt. Clarence F. Cornish who became airport manager. Charles Hull is the new operations manager.

### Airport Managers Elect Armstrong

FULCHER ARMSTRONG of Wichita Falls, was elected president of the Texas Association of Airport Managers at their convention in Corpus Christi. S. W. Ruff of Austin was elected vice-president and C. W. Maus, Corpus Christi, secretary-treasurer. Austin was selected as the next convention city.

### Mississippi Airport Nears Completion

THE McCOMB, Miss., airport now under construction will be dedicated October 6, according to Clifford Rawls, head of the aviation committee of the local Chamber of Commerce.

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### **Fuel and Oil Prices Reduced**

REDUCTION IN the cost of gasoline and oil furnished both to resident and transient planes was announced by the Board of Aviation Commissioners of Fort Wayne, Ind., operating the Paul Baer Municipal Airport there. The commission also authorized the establishment of a municipal ground school, to be taught by Capt. Clarence Cornish, airport manager.

Under the new prices, fuel is reduced to local airplane operators, from 23 to 21 cents per gallon; or to 19 cents when purchases exceed 300 gallons per month. For transient planes, the gasoline price is reduced from 28 cents to 25 cents. Oil to local operators is reduced from 35 cents to 30 cents per quart; and to transient planes, from \$1.40 to \$1.30 per gallon.

### **More Airport Funds Sought**

PLANS WHICH will result in obtaining \$40,000 in additional funds for completing work on 43 airports in Oklahoma are being completed by Herbert Howell, federal Oklahoma airport engineer. The work will consist of marking and draining the airports other than those in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Twenty-five of the ports are completed except for this work, while additional construction is necessary on 18 others.

### **New Airport Licensing Point**

BLACK HILLS airport, the new project at Spearfish, S. D., is to serve as licensing station for pilots and planes of the Black Hills section of South Dakota, according to Lester G. Orcutt, Department of Commerce inspector in that territory. Monthly inspections formerly were held at Rapid City and Belle Fourche, but the Spearfish location was decided upon because it is centrally located and because of its hangar and flying facilities.

### **Tulsa Seeks ATA Rating**

WHEN PRESENT improvements on the Tulsa, Okla., municipal airport are completed, the field will be eligible for an ATA rating, according to Charles W. Short, airport manager who said that plans call for the installation of panel markers at the runway, boundary markers, and improvements to the north and south runways to facilitate night operations and repainting of the center circle on the field.

### **Joplin Gets New Manager**

H. B. HARPER, formerly manager of Myers Field, Carthage, Mo., has been appointed manager of the Joplin, Mo., municipal airport by the local city officials. He has moved his planes and equipment to his new field and plans to

operate a taxi and school service. All buildings on the field that were not municipal property, have been leased to him.

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## **OHIO PLANS EXTENSIVE AIR MARKER CAMPAIGN**

LOOKING TOWARD retaining its reputation of being the best air-marked state in the nation, Ohio has begun distribution of \$8,000 worth of yellow and black paint for the painting of more than 1000 air markers.

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### **Grand Central Enlarged**

SEVERAL ACRES have been added to the runways at the northwest end of Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., by moving back the airport fence to space formerly occupied for parking automobiles. At the other end of the main runway, the city is filling in 20 acres of land formerly used as an earth-dump so that both pieces of property will allow for lengthening the airport more than 1000 feet.

The city also proposes to eliminate the high voltage poles around the port.

### **Kentucky Airport Opens**

FOLLOWING THE formal opening of the new Williamsburg, Ky., airport, the Williamsburg Flying Service leased the field and is offering hangar, fuel and oil facilities. Officers of the company are K. D. Gatliff, J. G. Locklin and Charles Rising.

The field is two miles from the city, lies on a direct line between Lexington, Ky., and Knoxville, Tenn., and at present is housing four planes.

### **Fixed Base Operator Organizes**

GRAND NATIONAL Air Lines has been organized in Manning, Iowa with W. E. Stoelk, president, Lawren Stoelk, vice-president and H. J. Darnley, secretary-treasurer.

The company plans to purchase and develop a tract of land into an airport from which they propose to operate a complete fixed base service including school, service and charter flight activities.

### **Zanesville Airport Dedicated**

THE MUNICIPAL airport at Zanesville, Ohio was dedicated with an impressive air show which featured acrobatic flying by Art Davis, Harold Neumann, Lt. J. Mackey and Chuck Smith. Delayed parachute jumps by Clem Sohn and Taylor Mast also were featured on the program.

Speakers included Capt. Fred L. Smith, director of aeronautics of Ohio and Major H. A. Kern, while Bill Sweet was at the microphone.

### **Smaller Lights Allowed On Ports**

SMALLER AND less expensively-operated lamps may be used in the boundary lighting systems of fields having or seeking Department of Commerce ratings, according to a new amendment to the airport rating regulations promulgated to encourage more airports to operate their boundary lighting systems throughout the night. The use of these smaller lamps will reduce operating expenses and should help encourage more extensive operation of the field lighting systems at various airports.

Under the amendment, for multiple circuits, lamps of not less than 15 watts shall be used for clear and yellow lights, and lamps of not less than 25 watts are to be used in green and red lights. On clear and yellow lights, in series circuits, lamps of at least 250 lumens are required and on green and red lights, the lamps shall be of at least 400 lumens. Prior to the new ruling, lamps of not less than 25 and 50 watts and 600 and 1000 lumens were required by the regulators.

### **Improvements For Hillsgrove Field**

WORK IS soon to be started on the construction of concrete runways at the Rhode Island State Airport, Hillsgrove and more than \$400,000 is to be spent for further improvements to the drainage system and terrain there.

High-tension wires and poles formerly lining the road opposite the entrance to the field have been moved back 50 feet.

### **Tennessee Plans Airport Program**

CONSTRUCTION OF 28 airports is being planned by officials of the Tennessee Emergency Relief Funds Association with state and national linking-routes of sufficient magnitude to stamp the state third in the south in the mileage and airports available.

At Memphis, a fence almost 1000 feet long has been built at the apron in front of American Airways' hangar, while Pacific Seaboard Air Lines, Inc., has brought a large amount of equipment there to facilitate its air mail, passenger and express business.

### **Fire Causes Loss At Love Field**

DAMAGE ESTIMATED at \$30,000 was done at Love Field, Dallas recently when fire destroyed Hangar No. 4 which contained three planes, a machine shop and supply house.

The hangar was owned by C. G. Killinsworth, while the planes were the property of private fliers.

### **Kenosha Renews Port Lease**

FOLLOWING THE recommendation of the Harbor Commission, the Kenosha, Wis. City Council has renewed for another year its municipal airport lease.



# PRIVATE FLYING and CLUB NEWS

## Tourists to Fly In Pennsylvania

THE DIVISION of Aeronautics of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is sponsoring a three-day State Air Tour, the first official tour to be conducted within that state. The itinerary calls for a visit to 18 airports with the participants leaving the Harrisburg Airport October 12, and winding up at the Allegheny County Municipal Airport, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 14. Forty entries have been practically assured at present and it is planned to limit the number to 50.

The purpose of the tour is to create interest in aviation and to show those participating the facilities for handling air traffic.

## Two-Day Meet At Lunken Airport

A PROGRAM of stunting and parachute jumping opened a two-day air meet as part of the Southern Ohio Aircraft Exhibition at Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio. The feature of the second day was a handicap Mystery Derby Race. Each pilot was given a card having on it the location of an airport to which he was to fly to receive further directions. The course was a 300-mile circle taking in Vandalia, Columbus, Chillicothe, and Springfield. Russell A. Moore, flying a Great Lakes, won first place.

The 359th Observation Squadron, which is based on the field, put on a program of stunt and formation flying, and a number of civilian flyers also performed. The director of the meet was E. J. Burkhardt assisted by T. Gile, A. Wunder, F. Fairchild and S. Huffman.

## 99ers Conduct Tour and Show

TWENTY-FIVE representatives of the southern California division of the 99ers made a two-day flight from Los Angeles to San Diego and return, as part of an All Women's Air Tour. A public dinner dance in their honor was sponsored by the aviation committee of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber, and the pilots staged an air show at Lindbergh Field before 12,000 people. Ethel Sheehy put her Great Lakes plane through an aerobatic exhibition; Grace Prescott won the 20-mile race while Clemma Granger won the spot landing contest and Gladys O'Donnel took first place in bombing.

## 10,000 See Legion Show

WITH A crowd of nearly 10,000 in attendance, Oklahoma pilots and an army squadron went through five hours of exhibition work at the Oklahoma City municipal air terminal September 2. The 15 new-type army planes, from Shreveport, La., flew to Oklahoma City for the American Legion Convention. They per-

formed tight formation flights over the airport to open the show, sponsored by Oklahoma City merchants. Bud Meyers and Cliff Giblett tied for first place in the looping contests, each completing 13 loops in two minutes. Perry Mullins was third with 12 loops.

## FITZMAURICE RECEIVES MEDAL OF HONOR

THE MEDAL of Honor of the International League des Aviateurs, was awarded to Col. James Fitzmaurice, Irish aviator who flew the Atlantic in 1929. Col. Charles Kerwood, president of the American section of the league made the presentation.

## Tour of Kansas Scheduled

THE 1934 air tour of Kansas will start October 3 and continue until October 6, according to officials of the Wichita Aviation Club and the Exchange Club, sponsors. Plans call for about 15 stops at some of the state's leading cities, three overnight stops and an airshow in Wichita on October 7.

Forty planes are expected to make the 1000-mile jaunt.

## Beloit Legion Sponsors Show

AN AIR show in Beloit, Wisc., sponsored by the local unit of the American Legion, drew close to 6,000 persons. The events were managed and announced by Jim Ewing.

Among the participants were Wayne Wagener, Clem Sohn, Roger Don Rae and Mickey Efferson, parachute jumpers, and Capt. Richard Granere who staged a "crazy flight." One free-for-all speed race over a 15-mile course was won by Art Davis and the other by Roy Hunt.

Visitors included Orrie M. Young, Department of Commerce inspector.

## Aero Club Organized

THE RICHLAND Aero Club was recently organized in Mansfield, Ohio, with C. R. Martin, president; Robert Andrews, vice-president; Harry Russell, secretary-treasurer; and Dale Stewart, assistant secretary-treasurer. There are four members of the board and five members, in addition to the officers. Membership is being restricted to 25.

A plane has been purchased and Lieut. E. L. Parcell retained as instructor. Dual and solo flights are given to members at small cost, and it is expected that another ship will be purchased soon.

The club operates from both the municipal airport in Mansfield and the Andrews Airport in Selby.

## 46 Planes in Indiana Tour

THE SIXTH Annual Indiana Air tour, sponsored by the Aircrafts Trades Association and conducted during the week of September 10, was participated in by 46 planes, carrying nearly 100 persons. The tour, far exceeding in interest any previously held, brought a vision of commercial aviation to many of the new ports opened during the present summer in the state of Indiana.

Ships and aviators from many parts of the state took part. Rain somewhat hampered the activities at South Bend and Fort Wayne, and prevented the ships from landing at the new port of Winamac.

Lieut. Stanton G. Smith, commander of Schoen field at Fort Benjamin Harrison, acted as field marshal. Charles E. Cox, Jr., president of the Aircraft Trades Association; Walker W. Winslow, chairman of the tour committee; Herbert O. Fisher, secretary of the association; managers of many of the airports of the state, and many private flyers were in the flight.

Jimmie Mattern joined the tour and stayed throughout the week. Local airports enjoyed stunting exhibitions by Mike Murphy and parachute work by Gene Rock. At South Bend and Fort Wayne, the municipal aviation commissions and the chambers of commerce tendered banquets for the visitors. Overnight stops were made at Seymour, French Lick, South Bend, Lake Wawasee, Fort Wayne and Muncie.

## Independent Operators Move

MAIN OFFICES of the Independent Aviation Operators of the United States have been moved from St. Louis, Mo., to 420 Transportation Bldg., Washington, D. C.

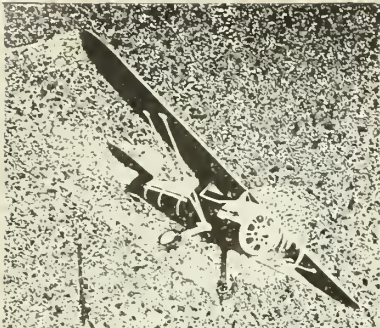
The chairmanship of the National Advisory Committee of the Association has been accepted by Bernarr Macfadden who is expected to participate in the program to develop private flying and commercial aviation activities.

The association, according to Oliver L. Parks, president, now numbers 1,400 members, consisting of airport operators, flying school operators, repair stations, sales agencies and private fliers.

## New Haven Meet To Be Held

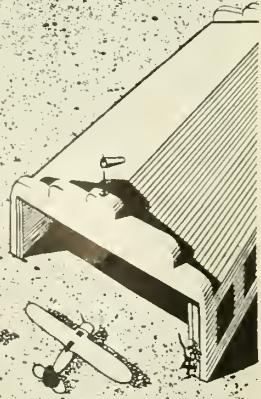
TWO RACES and four other events will feature the air show October 7 at the New Haven, Conn., Municipal Airport, according to Jack Tweed, manager.

Cash and other awards will be presented to the winners of the first three places in the bomb dropping, barrier landing, paper strafing and acrobatics contests, as well as the light plane and handicap races. In addition, cash prizes will be awarded for attendance, the winners being chosen by a drawing.



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**Ohio Group Forms Club**

THE MIAMI Valley Aviation Club has been organized and incorporated at the Municipal Airport, Dayton, Ohio, with thirty-five charter members. Club-rooms have been leased at the airport.

Officers are: L. H. Rhein, president; Orvil Denlinger, vice-president; Roger K. Powell, secretary-treasurer, and Howard Mayes, Jr., James Isabel, Elwood Heister, Harry Brown and R. H. Satterfield, trustees.

The club aims to promote aviation in the Miami Valley.

**Patterson Heads Civic Committee**

MOSS PATTERSON, president of the Oklahoma City Aviation Club, has been named chairman of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce aviation committee. Patterson takes over the duties of Clarence Page, who has been acting as chairman since the resignation of H. C. Martin recently. Activities of the committee, Patterson said, will include pushing the lighting of an air route from St. Louis to Los Angeles through Oklahoma City and Wichita Falls, Tex., and to Little Rock, Ark., and trying to get government aeronautical offices to locate in Oklahoma City.

**Glider Clubs Active**

INFORMATION FROM the Soaring Society of America, Elmira, N. Y., indicates an increasing interest in the sport of gliding and soaring.

The Associated Glider Clubs of New Jersey held their first meet last month at Lyons, N. J., where the "Y" Flying Club took first honors for groups. The events, limited to primary and secondary gliders, included spot landing, duration and bomb dropping contests.

Plans for activities this fall are being worked out by the recently reorganized South Shore Glider Club of Scituate, Mass. Under Ward Swift's instruction, this group originated the idea of a fixed primary mounted on a ball and socket. It is a practical method for instructing learners and beginners.

**Women To Stage Air Meet**

THE WASHINGTON Women Pilots Association is sponsoring an All Women's Air Meet to be held October 14 at College Park Airport, Washington, D. C.

Preceding the meet, there will be a reception and gathering of the middle eastern section of the 99ers on October 13, a party given by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Worthington and a dinner-dance at the Hotel Roosevelt.

The events the following day will include a spot landing contest, a 25-mile handicap race, an acrobatic contest and parachute jumps. A buffet dinner will conclude the two-day gathering.

**Flying Club Incorporated**

THE HARFORD Flying Club, Inc., Bel Air, Md., has been organized and chartered to promote aviation and operate an airplane flying service in Bel Air and Harford county. Capitalization consists of 100 shares of stock, of no par value. The organizers and incorporators are Russell Noonan, George N. Clendaniel and Harry S. Carver, Jr.

**Brewer Contacts Accounts By Air**

THE KREUGER Brewing Co., Newark, N. J., has been using the facilities of Richmond Air Transport in conducting its sales campaign in the south.

Chief Pilot G. V. Freiburger has flown a Ryan monoplane on numerous trips through their territory, carrying Robert Decker, brewery distributor, to most of the cities in the south.

**12 Women Make Air Tour**

TWELVE WOMEN flyers, members of the Associated Women Pilots of Boeing Field, made an air trip to Portland in group formation, with Miss Cora Sterling, president of the chapter, leading the procession.

Among those in the party were Mary Riddle, Quinalt Indian, accompanied by Miss Mildred Filz, Miss Floy Beagle, carrying Juanita Mosey, Grace Listman, Mrs. Dorris Skinner, Gladys Vickers and Edna Barrie.

**South Bend Commission Named**

A NEW municipal aviation commission has been appointed by Mayor Hinkle of South Bend, Ind., consisting of Karl L. Hermann, president of the Bantam Ball Bearing Co., as chairman, F. A. Hurcomb of the Studebaker Corp., and Dr. Waldo C. Farnham who was a medical officer in the aviation division in the World War.

**Low-Rate Rides Offered**

FLIGHTS OVER the city of Baltimore, Md., were being offered for 40 cents through the sponsorship of a local jeweler and with the cooperation of the Thompson Flying Service at the Curtiss-Wright Airport there.

The rides were available at 40 cents during the morning hours and from then on there was a graduated scale for each hour, the increase being 10 cents until \$1 was reached.

**30,000 See Air Show**

AN AERIAL carnival at the Curtiss-Wright, Milwaukee, Wis., airport attracted 30,000 persons who saw Harold C. Westphal and S. J. Whitman win the 25- and 30-mile races, respectively.

The meet was sponsored by the Associated Aviation Corp., and was attended by Roscoe Turner, Jack Wise, R. C. Granere, Jr., Jack Miller, Charles Abel, Art Chester and Buck Leighton.

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# AIRLINES and AIR TRAVEL

## Pilots To Fly 1000 Hours Yearly

NEW REGULATIONS governing the length of time first pilots shall fly on scheduled air transport routes have been put into effect by the Department of Commerce following a conference with representatives of the operators, the pilots and the Aero Medical Association.

In the future, pilots will be required to fly 1000 hours per year maximum, but they may fly 100 hours per month, provided this schedule is not followed for more than four consecutive months.

Physical examinations by physicians designated as Airline Pilot Medical Examiners will be given every three months instead of every six months to determine fitness, with special attention to fatigue.

Eugene Vidal, Director of Air Commerce, said that a complete and thorough study of the matter and of accident records had been made and that there was no case of flying fatigue, even under the old regulations allowing 110 hours per month. However, with the reduced hours and the quarterly examinations, he said, any question of overwork is satisfactorily regulated. The medical examiners to be designated by the Department will be selected at the airline terminals by Dr. R. E. Whitehead, chief of the medical section of the Bureau.

Director Vidal said that the Bureau's connection with the matter of maximum flying hours is concerned solely with public safety and has nothing whatever to do with labor and personnel problems. Congress having authorized the Department of Commerce to regulate the airlines from the standpoint of safety.

## Operator Moves to New Quarters

DELTA AIRLINES, Inc., of Monroe, La., holders of the Dallas-Charleston mail contract, have taken quarters in

the building formerly occupied by American Airlines at Love Field, Dallas. R. K. Spalding, formerly with American Airlines, is in charge of the Dallas office. The line formerly used the Bowen passenger depot.

Tyler, Texas, is now an air mail stop on the company's route following inauguration of service September 1.

## AIRLINES CARRIED 46,171 PASSENGERS IN JULY

TWENTY-ONE OF the twenty-two airlines operating in the United States in July carried 46,171 passengers, according to the Bureau of Air Commerce. These lines flew 4,051,676 miles, carried 166,605 pounds of express and flew 17,954,542 passenger miles. Compared with the same month a year ago express was the only item to register an increase, passenger traffic falling off 15,333. At that time however, twenty-seven operators were flying passengers.

## Braniff Seeks Equipment

PLANS FOR adding new equipment to the Braniff Airways, Inc., mail contract holder on the Dallas-Chicago division, probably will be completed in the near future. The line, reported to be anxious to add night passenger schedules to its mail run, has been making a search for suitable additional equipment.

## Bowen Connects For Mexico City

BOWEN AIR Lines, Inc., is now operating a direct 27-hour passenger and express service from St. Louis to Mexico City. Passengers depart from St. Louis at 11:10 a.m. daily and arrive in Mexico City the following day. Transfer to Pan American Airways ships is made at Brownsville, Texas.

## Faster Coast-to-Coast Schedule Seen

COMMENTING UPON the record of 204.6 miles per hour averaged during a non-stop flight from Seattle to Los Angeles, and a Los Angeles-New York cruising speed of 189 miles an hour, established by a Boeing 247-D transport flown by Colonel Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangborn, officials of United Air Lines state that a material reduction in the company's present 18¾-hour California-New York schedule will result from the acquisition this autumn of ten new 247-D Boeings and the subsequent change to geared engines of its present fleet to conform with the new type.

Major distinction between the two models is in power plants, the 247-Ds being equipped with geared supercharged Pratt & Whitney Wasp Series H engines (described in another section of this issue of AERO DIGEST), and three-bladed Hamilton Standard controllable-pitch propellers. The 247s have direct-drive Wasps with two-bladed controllables.

Following their flight down the Pacific Coast, Turner and Pangborn flew to New York. They completed the 2305-mile flight to Pittsburgh, where unfavorable weather grounded them, in 12 hours 10 minutes, including a 20-minute refueling stop at Wichita, for an overall average cruising speed of 189 miles per hour. Turner said that the flight to Pittsburgh was at normal propeller revolutions because he was observing gasoline consumption of the engines at cruising speed, gathering data for the MacRobertson Races.

United Air Lines stated that the only difference between the Turner 247-D and the planes which the air transport company is receiving from Boeing Airplane Company, is that Turner's plane had been equipped with special gasoline tanks to accommodate 1150 gallons. In all other respects, the Boeing for the London-Melbourne race is identical with the 274-Ds which are being delivered to United Air Lines.

## New Passenger Service Planned

JUST AS soon as another emergency landing field is completed, daily passenger service over the 323-mile New Orleans-Houston airway will be inaugurated by Robertson Airplane Service Co., St. Louis.

Mail and express service over the route began on July 25, and stops are made at Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and Beaumont.

The westbound plane leaves New Orleans at 12:45 p.m., arriving in Houston at 4 p.m.; the eastbound plane departs at 9:40 a.m., and arrives in New Orleans at 1 p.m., connecting with a plane serving Atlanta, Washington and New York.



One of the new Boeing 247-Ds with geared Wasps and three-bladed propellers

### 796,950 Miles Flown Per Accident

ACCORDING TO an investigation by the Bureau of Air Commerce, American-operated air passenger lines flew 796,950 miles per accident during the first six months of 1934 when there were 27 accidents in 21,517,658 miles of flying. Six of the accidents resulted in fatal injury to pilots or passengers, and 29 persons were involved. Passenger miles flown per passenger fatality were 5,848,223.

A year ago for the same period, the airlines had 48 accidents in 25,862,120 miles of flying, making the miles flown per accident for the 1933 period 538,794. There were 5 fatal accidents during this period, involving 6 persons. Passenger miles flown per passenger fatality in the January-June, 1933, period were 38,321,196.

Personnel error led in the causes of the accidents, accounting for 52.04 per cent of the mishaps. Aircraft failures with 18.51 per cent were next and weather with 14.82 per cent was third. Aircraft engine failures accounted for 11.85 per cent of the accidents.

Although 179 persons were involved in the 27 accidents, 106 suffered no injury whatever, 34 received minor injuries and 10 were severely injured. Domestic lines had 25 accidents in 17,723,665 miles of flying, averaging 708,947 miles per accident. The foreign extensions had 2 accidents in 3,793,993 miles of flying or 1,996,997 miles per accident.

### Pacific Starts Passenger Service

PASSENGER SERVICE between New Orleans and Chicago has been inaugurated by Pacific Seaboard Air Lines, Inc.

Planes leave New Orleans and Chicago at 8:25 a.m. daily, arriving at their destinations at 6:40 p.m., after stopping at Memphis, Jackson and Springfield on the route. The planes, which have been carrying mail since June 3, are equipped to carry three passengers, but Carleton Putnam, president, has announced that two high-speed transport planes will be assigned to the route soon.

### Faster Flights Increase Business

PASSENGER BUSINESS on Braniff Airways, Inc., has increased at least 10 per cent since the company cut an hour from the flying time from Dallas

to Chicago, according to Bill Gange, district traffic manager. Ships now arrive at 7:15 p.m., after leaving Chicago at noon. Leaving Dallas at 2 p.m., the northbound plane arrives in Chicago at 8:30 p.m. Braniff is flying Pratt & Whitney-powered Lockheeds, which also carry mail and express.

## AIR TRANSPORT ON COAST EIGHT YEARS OLD

THE EIGHTH birthday of air mail-passenger plane service on the Pacific Coast was observed September 15 by the Post Office and United Air Lines officials. From a round trip daytime flight with single engine planes the service has been expanded until four times as many miles are flown daily as eight years ago. Instead of single engine planes, passengers and express are flown nearly twice as fast in all-metal, multi-motored Boeings with 1100 horsepower engines. Fares today are only one-half of what they were in 1926.

### Excursion Rates Extended

SUMMER EXCURSION rates over the New York-New Orleans airway have met with such favorable response that Eastern Air Lines, Inc., has extended them to November 1. It was originally planned to suspend the special rates on September 1.

Traffic increased 80 per cent on this route after the 30-day round trip excursions became effective, making a trip over this route cost less than a flight of similar length over any other line in the country.

### Performance Record Made

BY COMPLETING 99.8 per cent of all mileage scheduled on its New York-Chicago-Pacific Coast and western lines, United Air Lines can claim a new mark for efficiency for long distance, large scale airline operation.

All but 2,942 miles of a total of 1,359,880 miles scheduled were flown, including 620,000 miles on the overnight schedule on the New York-Chicago-Pacific Coast, and Seattle-San Diego routes. For more than a year United has been flying approximately a million and a quarter miles a month on its transcontinental and other air routes.

### New England Schedules Changed

A NEW schedule for air mail, passenger, and express service in Northern New England over the lines of Boston-Maine-Central Vermont Airways became effective September 17 with the installation of the fall schedule.

According to J. V. Sheehan, General Passenger Agent, the change was necessary by the shortening of hours of daylight and results in the planes being scheduled a little earlier than before. At the same time, one round trip between Boston and Bangor, Me., and a round trip between Boston and Burlington, Vt., which have been operated during the heavy summer travel season, were suspended until next year.

Under the new schedule, the mail and passenger plane for Maine points leaves Boston at 10:30 a.m.; stops at Portland, Augusta and Waterville, arriving in Bangor at 12:55 p.m. The westbound trip leaves Bangor at 3:35 p.m. and arrives at Boston Airport at 6:05 p.m.

On the New Hampshire-Vermont-Canadian line, the mail and passenger plane leaves Boston at 10:25 a.m.; stops at Manchester, Concord, White River, Montpelier-Barre and Burlington, with arrival in Montreal at 1:50 p.m. The return trip leaves Montreal at 2:35 p.m. and arrives at East Boston at 6 p.m.

### Airway To Be Improved

A NEW lighted and radio-equipped airway to be constructed by the Bureau of Air Commerce, Department of Commerce, between Nashville, Tenn., and Washington, D. C., not only will improve air service in that part of the country but will also make available an alternate route across southern United States, according to Rex Martin, of the Bureau of Air Commerce. Funds were allotted by the PWA.

There now is a Federal airway from Los Angeles, by way of Dallas, Tex., to Atlanta, Ga., and thence to Washington and New York City. There also is a lighted and radio-equipped route from Dallas to Nashville. Installation of lights and radio on the Nashville-Washington section will offer the possibility of flying over the southern states from Washington to the west coast by way of Nashville, or by way of Atlanta, with complete aids to air navigation on either route. The airway via Nashville will be known as the southern transcontinental route.

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### **More Mail Schedules Added**

ADDITIONAL AIR mail schedules on twelve routes have been authorized by the Post Office Department, to improve the mail, passenger and express services on the more important air routes throughout the country.

The additional annual scheduled mileage to be flown with mail will be 5,479,144, which will increase the present annual mileage flown from 27,806,937 to 33,286,081.

Five cities, now without air mail service, will be served by the new schedules. They are Providence, R. I., New Haven, Conn., Elmira, N. Y., Scranton, Pa., and Youngstown, Ohio. Springfield, Mass., will be included on the direct route between New York and Boston.

Additional schedules on other routes are now under consideration by the Department.

### **Hanford Adds New Equipment**

TRI-MOTOR service between Minneapolis, St. Paul and Omaha, connecting with similar service there to the Pacific coast, was inaugurated, September 1, by Hanford Tri-State Airlines, replacing single-motored service. Placing of these planes on the Twin Cities-Omaha route by way of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Sioux City, Ia., affords multi-motored airplane service to California, as connections are made at Omaha with United Air Line planes.

In addition to the two services formerly operating on the Hanford route between the Twin Cities and Chicago, a non-stop schedule was put into effect September 1, leaving Minneapolis at 1 p.m., and arriving at Chicago at 3:25 p.m. This service enables passengers to reach New York City at 9:30 p.m., Eastern Time, 7½ hours after leaving Minneapolis.

### **New Air Line In Montana**

IN ORDER to furnish connecting air service from the nearest scheduled airline operations to the huge Fort Peck dam project at Glasgow, Mont., L. P. Quinn has established an air passenger service available between either Glasgow and Glendive, Montana, or Glasgow and Miles City, Montana. Arrangements have been made so that the service of the Quinn Airlines will connect with Northwest Airlines through Glendive or Miles City, both eastbound and westbound.

Equipment operated by the airline consists of a Travel Air, six-place cabin ship, and a four-place Stinson, Jr.

### **United Shows Passenger Increase**

AN INCREASE of 30 per cent in its passenger traffic and 130 per cent in express shipments during the first eight months of this year over the corresponding period of 1933, is reported by United Air Lines, which transported 98,772 rev-

enue passengers as against 76,028 during the same period of 1933.

On the New York-Chicago-Pacific Coast route, the line is carrying 50 per cent of all the air mail in the United States.

During a thirty-day period United on this route flew 190,000,000 pound-miles of mail, its average mail load per plane being the equivalent of 20,000 pieces of mail. With the mail carried on its Salt Lake-Seattle and Seattle-San Diego line, added to its transcontinental loads, United is carrying nearly 60 per cent of all the air mail in the United States.

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## **CONTRACT TO CARRY MAIL IN HAWAII AWARDED**

THE POST Office Department has awarded a contract for carrying air mail on the Hawaiian Islands to Inter-Island Airways, Ltd., of Honolulu. The rate of pay for this service, which is to link the four large islands of the group, Oahu, Maui, Hawaii and Kauai, a distance of approximately 333 miles, will be 19.5 cents per airplane mile.

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### **Brower Named Air Express Manager**

APPOINTMENT OF Major L. G. Brower as general manager of General Air Express, was announced by Roger M. Combs, Jr., chairman of the system and air express traffic manager of American Airlines.

Brower has been connected with General Air Express as New York sales manager, since December, 1932, shortly after organization of the system.

### **Texas Operator Flies 391 Passengers**

A TOTAL of 391 passengers was carried by Long & Harmon, Inc., on their southern and western Texas lines during June and July, the first two months the concern operated as passenger and air mail contractors. According to C. E. Harmon, attendance at the Dallas Aviation School, also operated by the company, has shown a large increase.

Air mail poundage showed a large increase with the Dallas-Brownsville line accounting for 9,935 pounds and the Dallas-Amarillo line for 11,620 pounds.

### **Faster Schedules Inaugurated**

AEROVIAS CENTRALES, a subsidiary of Pan American Airways System, operating between El Paso, Texas, and Mexico City, will inaugurate a new schedule the first of this month. Beginning on that date, the line puts into operation a fleet of Lockheed Electras.

The schedule calls for an elapsed time of 7 hours 15 minutes between the two points, greatly decreasing the present elapsed time of 11 hours. The new planes will carry a complete crew.

### **Air Express Shipments Increase**

GENERAL AIR Express shipments over Eastern Air Lines, Inc., were heavier in July than in June, although the number of shipments was nearly the same, according to C. P. Ryman, air express traffic manager.

July's shipments numbered 1,905 and weighed 13,552 pounds, while June's record was 1,907 shipments weighing an aggregate of 10,608 pounds, an increase of 2,944 pounds. The increase is partly attributed to heavier international shipments flying via Eastern Air Lines from Chicago, New York and other points to Miami, where they were transhipped to South American points via Pan American Airways.

July this year showed an increase of 655 shipments over the same month last year, with a resultant gain of 6,192 pounds. The average weight of packages sent by air express last month was 7.1 pounds.

Lower express rates went into effect on August 15.

### **Vultee Make Fast Flights**

AMERICAN AIRLINES' new Vultee Wright Cyclone-powered V-1A transport plane required only 99 minutes to complete its initial flight between St. Louis and Chicago. The flight was made by way of Springfield and Peoria, a route 40 miles longer than the non-stop St. Louis-Chicago run, which is scheduled to be flown in 89 minutes.

The new Vultee has broken four speed records between cities of the company's system in less than six weeks, according to M. P. Bickley, St. Louis traffic manager. The outstanding record is the flight of 2 hours 59 minutes from Chicago to New York, bettering the old record by 11 minutes.

The new planes provide two round-trips daily between St. Louis and Chicago, one round trip to Dallas and Fort Worth, with a third St. Louis-Chicago flight operated with a tri-motored Ford.

### **Douglas Delivered to Pan American**

A NEW Douglas luxury airliner, first of a fleet of six to be placed in service in Central and South America on the Pan American Airways System and the Pan American Grace, Inc., a subsidiary line, landed at the El Paso, Tex., Municipal field, making the trip there from Clover Field, Santa Monica, Calif., in 3 hours 50 minutes.

The plane was enroute to Lima, Peru, via Brownsville, Texas and Mexico City, where it will be placed in service between Buenos Aires and Cristobal.

At Brownsville, an automatic pilot and full radio equipment was installed.

E. T. Allen, test pilot for the Douglas company was at the controls, with C. R. D. Disher and T. F. Jardine, of Pan American Grace Airways, as co-pilots.



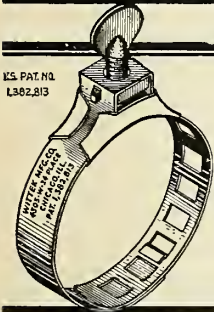
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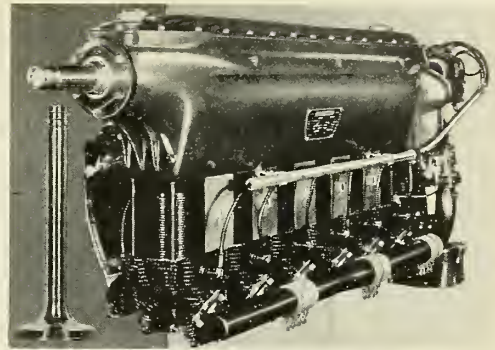


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# THE INDUSTRY IN GENERAL

## United Officials Elected

FOLLOWING MEETINGS of the Boards of Directors of the various subsidiary companies of the newly formed United Aircraft Corporation held September 20, 1934 in the offices of the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co., E. Hartford, Conn., an announcement of the complete list of officials of the various manufacturing units, including all changes, was made by Donald L. Brown, president of the parent organization.

Mr. Brown will remain as president of the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company and Charles W. Deeds will continue as vice-president. Leonard H. Hobbs and Benjamin H. Gilpin have been promoted to vice-presidencies, while T. E. Tillinghast, former assistant to the president, has been made sales manager and will be assisted by H. M. Horner, who continues to serve also as secretary. Arthur W. Brooksbank, former auditor of the company, has been named treasurer and will be assisted by M. R. Dimery.

The organization of the engineering section of the aircraft engine factory will remain unchanged with Andrew V. D. Willgoos, Chief Engineer in charge of all engineering and experimental development operations.

E. E. Wilson, recently elected vice-president of the United Aircraft Corporation, will continue as president of the Chance Vought Corp., one of the plane manufacturing subsidiaries of the parent company; Charles J. McCarthy will continue as vice-president, and J. J. Gaffney has been elected secretary and treasurer. Thomas A. Conlan and Joseph A. Barr will assist Mr. Gaffney as assistant secretary and assistant treasurer respectively.

Raycroft Walsh will continue in his capacity as president of the Hamilton Standard Propeller Company. Sidney A. Stewart has been elected vice-president and continues in his former capacity as secretary while Arthur W. Brooksbank will be treasurer.

The organization of the Sikorsky Aviation Corporation in Bridgeport remains practically unchanged with Frederick W. Neilson, president; Igor I. Sikorsky vice-president; E. H. Glaetli, secretary-treasurer; and L. C. Mallett assistant secretary-treasurer.

Bernard L. Whelan, former manager of United Airports of Connecticut and Rentschler Field, has been made president of that organization; Martin F. Burke has been elected treasurer, H. M. Horner, secretary, M. T. Reid, assistant secretary, and J. P. Seaman, assistant treasurer.

E. K. Hubbard, 2nd, former secretary and treasurer of the Chance Vought Corp., who resigned from that capacity to take over special duties with the parent company, will be located at the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company.

## VERVILLE APPOINTED TO BUREAU POST

ALFRED V. VERVILLE, airplane designer and former manufacturer, has been appointed chief of the Manufacturing Inspection Service of the Bureau of Air Commerce, succeeding John H. Geisse, who recently became Chief of the Development Section. Verville will supervise the examination of engineering plans for new-type airplanes, and inspection of completed planes which are submitted to the Department for approval.

## Manning Heads Cord Corporation

L. B. MANNING has been elected president of the Cord Corporation, and E. L. Cord will remain a director and a member of the executive committee. R. S. Pruitt, general counsel for the corporation, was elected a vice-president.

W. H. Beal, recently elected a vice-president of the corporation will establish offices in Chicago and become Manning's assistant, in charge of manufacturing for all Cord companies.

## Bureau Inspectors Transferred

LAWRENCE C. ELLIOTT has been named manager of the Fourth Air Navigation District with headquarters at Fort Worth, succeeding George C. Miller, who has been transferred to the Salt Lake City District by the Department of Commerce. Elliott is a graduate of Kelly Field where he became an instructor.

## 14 Bid On Department Plane

BIDS FOR 25 airplanes for the Bureau of Air Commerce were opened in Washington recently when 14 manufacturers made efforts to meet requirements for these planes.

Non-stallable and non-spinning characteristics were expected of these ships inasmuch as the Bureau required certain stability features. The specifications called for low landing characteristics and great visibility.

No definite date has been set for awarding the contract, but it probably will be some time because detailed examination of the designs will be made.

Those bidding and the amount asked for each plane were Cunningham-Hall Aircraft Corp., Buffalo, N. Y., \$6,425; Waldo D. Waterman, Santa Monica, Calif., \$2,493.87; St. Louis Aircraft Corp., St. Louis, Mo., \$3,395; Hartford Aircraft Corp., Hartford, Conn., \$2,650; Church Airplane & Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill., \$1,695; Spartan Aircraft Co., Tulsa, Okla., \$3,750; Hammond Aircraft Co., Ypsilanti, Mich., \$3,190; Curtiss-Wright Airplane Co., Robertson, Mo., \$2,995; Kreider-Reisner Aircraft Co., Inc., Hagerstown, Md., \$6,200; Amphibions, Inc., Garden City, N. Y., \$6,670; Safety Air Transportation Co., Indianapolis, Ind., \$750; Arrow Aircraft & Motors Corp., Lincoln, Neb., \$3,495, with K-5 Kinner, \$3,995 with B-5 Kinner; Campbell Aircraft Co., St. Joseph, Mo., \$1,650, and Niagara Amphibions Aircraft Corp., Buffalo, N. Y., \$3,250, with wood hull, \$4,000 with metal hull.

## Fleetwings Buys Keystone Plant

THE OLD Keystone Aircraft plant at Bristol, Pa., consisting of 31 acres of land and one-half mile of waterfront on the Delaware River, 10 miles from Trenton, has been purchased by Fleetwings, Inc., of Roosevelt Field, Mineola, N. Y.

Fleetwings will move on the property which consists of some 35 buildings including hangar, office and main factory. There it is planned to maintain hangar and service facilities for amphibions and seaplanes as well as conducting its manufacturing activities.

The company specializes in the "shot-weld" system of stainless steel.



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### Airline Installs Controllable Props

EASTERN AIR Lines is now equipping its aircraft with controllable-pitch propellers which will add approximately 10 miles an hour to their speed and permit greater operating efficiency, it was stated by Charles W. France, operations vice-president.

Eastern Air uses the Hamilton Standard Hydro Controllable-Pitch Propeller. The mechanism consists principally of a piston, a cylinder, two centrifugal lugs and a cam. By moving a lever, the pilot applies oil pressure from the engine to the piston, forcing it outward and setting the propeller pitch at 23 degrees. With this setting the pilot takes off, obtaining full engine power and propeller

efficiency. Once in the air he turns the lever again, the hydraulic pressure is relieved and the centrifugal lugs automatically reset the propeller pitch to 28 degrees, giving maximum flight efficiency.

### Italy Rewards Stanavo

RECOGNITION BY the Italian government was extended the Standard Oil Company (Indiana), in the form of a silver medal presented to John Porter, head of the company's aviation department, for efficiency and cooperation in refueling Italy's fleet of twenty-four seaplanes during its visit to A Century of Progress last summer, following a flight from Rome to Chicago under the command of General Balbo.

### Monro Elected President

C. BEDELL MONRO has been appointed by the Board of Directors of Pennsylvania Airlines and Transport Company as president, succeeding Col. H. S. Martin, who resigned.

Mr. Monro was one of the organizers and secretary of Pittsburgh Aviation Industries Corp. Later he became vice-president and when the firm purchased Pennsylvania Airlines became executive vice-president.

When the mail contracts were rebid, Pennsylvania Airlines won the route between Detroit and Milwaukee, and later purchased Kohler Aviation Corp., extending its service from Detroit to Milwaukee across Lake Michigan.

## Digest of Recent Events

### Airliner Flies From Chicago In Record Time

AVERAGING MORE than four miles a minute for the 724 miles between Chicago and New York, a Wright Cyclone-powered Vultee V-1A airliner owned by American Airways set a speed record for the run when it arrived at Newark Airport 2 hours 59 minutes 2 seconds after taking off from Chicago. Earl Ward, operations manager of the airline, was at the controls and was accompanied by Ira Sloniger, chief pilot of the airline's eastern division. The former record between the two cities was made by Jimmy Haizlip, in a racer, in 3 hours 10 minutes. AUG. 25.

### S-41 Clips Two Days From Old Schedule

CLIMAXING A 15,000-mile flight through South American countries with a 1840-mile flight in one day from Port of Spain to Miami, the *Brazilian Clipper* S-41 arrived at the Pan American Airways flying base in Miami with a record-breaking hop. The S-41 brought Buenos Aires, 7400 miles away, within five days and Rio de Janeiro, 6000 miles away, within four days of Miami, cutting two days from the Buenos Aires time. AUG. 30.

### Turner Breaks Speed Record East Over U. S.

ROSCOE TURNER bettered by 2 minutes 39 seconds the west-east cross-continent speed record he established last September when he landed at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N. Y., 10 hours 2 minutes 51 seconds after taking off from Burbank, Calif. The flight was 2512 miles in length and was made after Turner had been forced out of the Bendix Transcontinental Race by being unable to start with the competitors. Vincent Bendix offered \$3,500 for the pilot who set a new record from coast-to-coast. Turner flew his special P. & W. Hornet-powered Wedell-Williams

racer at an average speed of about 250 miles an hour to establish the new mark. SEPT. 1.

### Jersey Glider Crown Won By Streeter

JACK STREETER, of Newark, N. J., captured the State glider flying championship at a three-day meet at Glider Port, Lyons, N. J. The club championship went to the Y Flying Club. Streeter gathered a total of 1,121 points compared to his closest competitor, Leslie Barton, who had 752 points. The events included spot landing contests, endurance flights and precision flying. SEPT. 3.

### Wiley Post Ascends 40,000 Feet In Test

WILEY POST climbed his plane, the *Winnie Mae*, more than 40,000 feet into the stratosphere as a prelude to his effort to establish a new altitude record for heavier-than-air craft. Post spent 2 hours 2 minutes in the air making tests of the plane and of the special rubber suit he prepared for his work in the rarified atmosphere. SEPT. 5.

### Vultee Sets New Inter-City Records

NEW CITY-TO-CITY records were established by the new Vultee V-1A transport when, operating over American Airline's routes, the low-wing, all-metal Wright Cyclone-powered plane flew between St. Louis and Chicago in 99 minutes. The Vultee only recently established a new Chicago-New York record by flying between the two cities in 2 hours 59 minutes, 11 minutes ahead of the old mark. SEPT. 9.

### Turner and Pangborn Make Fast Flight

FLYING A new Boeing 247-D, Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangborn flew from Seattle to Los Angeles, a distance of 1120 miles in 5 hours 20 minutes, said

to be a new record for the distance. The pair then left Los Angeles and proceeded to New York via Pittsburgh, arriving in Pittsburgh, where they were grounded by the weather, in 12 hours 10 minutes, including a stop-over at Wichita. The average speed for the first hop was 204.6 m.p.h., while the average speed for the transcontinental flight was 189 m.p.h. SEPT. 11.

### British Mail Flown In Record Time to Pacific

COOPERATION OF British shipping with the air mail services of Canada and the United States is taking mail from England to Montreal, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Seattle and reaches Pacific Coast points, a third of the way around the world in 5 days 18 hours. Leaving Southampton, the Canadian Pacific liner *Empress of Britain* reached Rimouski four and a half days later. There the

mail was transferred to a Canadian Airways plane which flew to Montreal, where it was picked up by an American Airlines' plane and flown to Newark, N. J. From Newark, the mail was loaded aboard a United Air Lines Boeing and flown to the Pacific coast. No official announcement has yet been made as to the extent to which the service will be continued. SEPT. 13.

### Ellsworth Ready To Start for Antarctic

DR. LINCOLN ELLSWORTH arrived in Dunedin, N. Z., preparatory to his departure for the South Polar regions where he will undertake his second expedition. Last year, Dr. Ellsworth completed successful tests in his Northrop *Delta*, but subsequently the plane was damaged in an ice crush and the expedition had to return. The plane, called the *Polar Star*, has been repaired and Dr. Ellsworth plans to fly in it from Deception Island to the Ross Sea via the Weddell Sea. SEPT. 14.

## Coming Events

### Aerial Tour

1934 Air Tour of Kansas. Sponsored by Wichita Aviation Club and Wichita Exchange Club. OCT. 3-6

### Airport Dedication

Formal dedication of municipal airport, Raleigh, N. C. OCT. 4

### Air Derby

Johnstown air derby and air races. Johnstown Airport, Johnstown, Pa. OCT. 6

### Air Show

Third annual air show and races. Jack Tweed, Manager, Municipal Airport, New Haven, Conn. OCT. 7

### N.A.A. Convention

1934 Convention of National Aeronautic Association, Washington, D. C. OCT. 11-13

### Women's Meet

All Women's Air Meet, Washington Women Pilots Association, College Park Airport, Washington, D. C. OCT. 13-14

### MacRoberston Race

London-Melbourne International Air Race. Speed and handicap event. Under regulations of F.A.I. and competition rules of Royal Aero Club. Sponsored by Sir MacPherson Robertson. OCT. 20

### Air Show

Fourteenth International Aero Salon, Paris, France. NOV. 16-DEC. 2

### Challenger Race

Handicap race for Viceroy's Challenge Trophy. From Calcutta to Bombay. DEC. 15-16

### **Menasco Incorporates**

INCORPORATED TO take over Menasco Manufacturing Company, aircraft engine organization which has been operating as a proprietorship, Menasco Manufacturing Company, a corporation, has been granted a permit by the State of California to issue 98,203 shares of an authorized 500,000 shares of \$1 par value.

A. S. Menasco, president of the new corporation, has been identified for the past six years with the development of the in-line, inverted, air-cooled engine which bears his name. Five approved type certificates have been issued covering a series of Menasco engines ranging from 95 to 160 h.p., while two engines of greater horsepower are now being given endurance runs preliminary to A.T.C.

Officers of the new corporation are: A. S. Menasco, president; Charles F. McReynolds, vice-president; Reed H. Parkin, secretary and treasurer.

### **Arup Moves Factory**

MANUFACTURE OF the Arup airplane developed by Dr. C. L. Snyder, has been transferred from South Bend to Indianapolis, following the election of three new members to the board of directors of the Arup Manufacturing Company.

C. H. Ruggles, Robert L. Brown and Ralph R. Graichen, who has been chief engineer, have been added to the directorate, the latter also being elected vice-president in charge of production. Glen Doolittle, test pilot with the company since the development of its first plane, has gone to Indianapolis as chief pilot and draughtsman.

The first commercial model yet to be produced, has been sold to W. W. Williams of Miami, Fla.

### **Dutch Air Line Buys Douglas**

A MOST significant delivery of American aircraft to a foreign operator was completed at Glenn Curtiss Airport, North Beach, N. Y., when the first 14-passenger Douglas Airliner to leave this country was turned over to the Fokker Company, foreign agents for the Douglas Company, for delivery to the Royal Dutch Air Lines (K.L.M.).

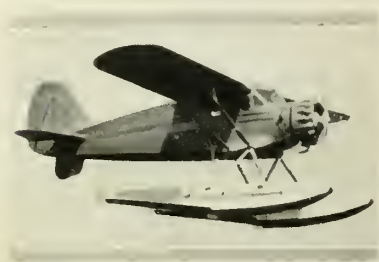
The ship was flown from Santa Monica, California, by Carl Cover, vice-president of the Douglas Aircraft Co., assisted by K. D. Parmentier one of the chief pilots of K.L.M. Among the passengers were H. Veenendaal, chief maintenance engineer of K.L.M., and representatives of the Wright Aeronautical Co., the Shell Oil Co., and the Fokker Company who were making technical observations of the ship's operation.

Parmentier is to fly this particular airplane for the Royal Dutch Air Lines in the forthcoming London-Australia Race.

K.L.M.'s participation in the race will precede a proposed five-day service between Amsterdam and Batavia. It is understood that they are considering the purchase of a number of Douglas Airliners and also a number of Lockheed Electras for use on this and their European routes. (See photograph, page 12.)

### **Forestry Service Gets Stinson**

A NEW Stinson Reliant cabin monoplane equipped with Edo model 38-3430 floats was delivered to the Maine Forestry Department by E. W. Wiggins Airways, Inc., of Providence, R. I., Stinson distributors. The plane, the department's second, will be used throughout the State



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to aid in locating and fighting forest fires and will be flown by Lt. Earl F. Crabbe. Its base will be at Cobbosseecontee Lake near Augusta.

### **Hamilton Props To Be Made Abroad**

LICENSE AGREEMENTS for the manufacturing rights of Hamilton Standard controllable-pitch propellers have been completed with the deHavilland Aircraft Company, Ltd., for the British Empire (except Canada); with Societe Francaise Hispano-Suiza for France and her colonies, and with Mitsui & Company, Ltd., for Japan and Manchukuo.

Raycroft Walsh, president of Hamilton Standard Propeller Co., and Frank W. Caldwell, chief engineer, went abroad to complete the negotiations.

### **Tool Company Moves Offices**

CHICAGO PNEUMATIC Tool Company has moved its Birmingham, Ala., office from 1829-31 South Second Avenue to 211 South 20th Street. This change provides increased facilities for both sales and service activities. Mr. W. S. Lynch is Manager of the Birmingham District Office.

### **Wright Produces 1000th Cyclone**

A LITTLE more than two years after the first Series F Cyclone engines came off the line at the Wright Aeronautical Corp., Paterson, N. J., engine No. 1000 completed its production tests and was delivered to the Douglas Aircraft Corp., which will install it in a Douglas transport for Pan American Airways.

### **Approved Type Certificates Awarded**

SIX AIRCRAFT, two engines and three propellers successfully passed Department of Commerce tests and were awarded approved type certificates as follows:

Douglas Aircraft Co., Santa Monica, Calif., model DC2, 16-place closed land monoplane powered by two Wright Cyclone SGR 1820F3 engines of 710 h.p., each. A.T.C. 540.

Ryan Aeronautical Co., San Diego, Calif., model ST, 2-place open land monoplane powered by a Menasco B-4 engine of 95 h.p. A.T.C. 541.

Waco Aircraft Co., Troy, Ohio, model YMF, 3-place open land biplane powered by a Jacobs L4 engine of 225 h.p. A.T.C. 542.

Waco, model S3HD, 2-place open or cabin land biplane powered by a Pratt & Whitney TB, 420 h.p. engine. A.T.C. 543.

Waco, model UMF, 3-place open land biplane powered by a Continental R-670 engine of 210 h.p. A.T.C. 546.

Curtiss-Wright Airplane Co., Robertson, Mo., model Condor T32C 17- or 18-place closed land biplane powered by two Wright Cyclones SGR 1820F2 of 720 h.p., each or SGR 1820F3 at 710 h.p. each. A.T.C. 547.

Wright Aeronautical Corp., Paterson, N. J., model Whirlwind R760ET, a seven-cylinder, radial, air-cooled engine rated 235 h.p., at 2000 r.p.m. 73 Octane. A.T.C. 126.

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co., E. Hartford, Conn., model Hornet S5D1-G, a nine-cylinder, radial, air-cooled engine rated 700 h.p. at 2150 r.p.m. at 3500 ft. 87 Octane. A.T.C. 127.

Lycorning Manufacturing Co., Williamsport, Pa., model Smith P431 hub, controllable-pitch, 3 blades; rated 735 h.p. at 1950 r.p.m. A.T.C. 474.

Lycorning, Model Smith P220 hub, controllable pitch, 2 blades, 5.25 inch engine bore limit; rated 260 h.p. at 2300 r.p.m. A.T.C. 475.

Eclipse Aviation Corp., E. Orange, N. J., model F33307 blade, 8 ft. 8 in., to 7 ft. diameter, aluminum alloy, automatic; number of blades optional; 125 h.p. per blade at 2100 r.p.m. A.T.C. 476.

### **U. S. Navy Awards Gasoline Contract**

THE UNITED States Navy has awarded its entire aviation gasoline contract for the Atlantic seaboard to the distributors of the Stanavo Specification Board, Inc., according to an announcement made by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, which, together with the Colonial Beacon Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company of Pennsylvania will supply the planes of the fleet with 1,998,800 gallons of aviation gasoline from August 1 to October 31.

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#### N.A.A. Convention October 11-13

THE 1934 Convention of the National Aeronautic Association will be held in Washington, D. C., October 11-13, immediately following the meetings of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

The convention will open with a banquet in honor of the delegates attending the international conference and delegates from the forty-eight states, Hawaiian Islands, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, are expected to attend.

Invitations to address the business sessions have been extended to Clark Howell, Sr., Chairman of the Federal Avia-

tion Commission; Major General Benjamin D. Foulois, Chief of the Army Air Corps; Rear Admiral Ernest J. King, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics; and Eugene L. Vidal.

#### Fighter Demonstrator For China

SHIPMENT OF a Model 281 single-seater, all-metal Wasp-powered fighter to China as a demonstrator, is reported by the Boeing Airplane Co., Seattle. The plane is similar to the P-26A planes built by the company for the Army Air Corps; but is equipped with trailing edge flaps which reduce landing speed by approximately 8.5 m.p.h.

#### Stinson Tri-Motor Introduced

A FAST new tri-motored airliner, which has been under development for the last two years, was announced by B. D. DeWeese, president of the Stinson Aircraft Corp., Wayne, Mich.

The airliner is a low-wing monoplane with outboard engines mounted in the wings and double braced to the fuselage. It carries eight passengers, two pilots and 500 pounds of baggage, mail and express, in addition to radio and other airline equipment, and has a top speed in excess of 180 m.p.h., and cruises at more than 160 m.p.h.

Streamlining and aerodynamic principles have aided materially in making possible the new Stinson's speed. Principal among these are a new type double tapered sesqui-spar wing, the use of retractable landing gear, a rounder and broader fuselage and the utilization of flaps which permit reduced wing area.

#### Four Douglases Sold to General

PURCHASE OF four Douglas luxury liners for equipment on its San Diego-Los Angeles-Las Vegas-Salt Lake City airline following structural and speed tests, was announced by the Board of Directors of General Air Lines.

Delivery of the planes by October 1, and inauguration of service over the 700-mile route October 15, is expected and the present flying time of 6 hours 45 minutes will be reduced to 3 hours 55 minutes, the operations department estimated.

The four planes and spare engines which cost \$326,820, will replace Fokker multi-motor equipment.

Additional refinements will be incorporated in the planes following improvements completed at the Santa Monica, Cal., factory since production began last spring. The six-foot cabins will have wide aisles and 14 tubular seats. A large lavatory and clothes closet will be built aft in the cabin.

#### Huntley in Dayton Territory

O. J. HUNTLEY, precision boring demonstrator for Ex-Cell-O Aircraft & Tool Corp., Detroit, Mich., has been transferred to their sales staff and will be located in the Dayton territory. Huntley will be handling the complete line of Ex-Cell-O products consisting of all types of cutting tools, bushings, spindles, multiple equipment and precision boring equipment.

#### Boeing Large Aluminum Buyer

MORE THAN 228 tons of aluminum and aluminum alloy products were purchased by the Boeing Airplane Company in 1933, for use in its all-metal commercial and military planes. Not including rivets, there were 456,632 pounds delivered to the plant, of which 370,000 pounds were in sheet form.



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July 1933: **SHELL SPEED RACE**  
First place; 280.247 miles per hour

Sept. 1933: **LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK**  
New transcontinental record; 10 hours, 4 minutes, 55 seconds

Sept. 1933: **SHELL STRAIGHTAWAY SPEED RACE**  
289.9 miles per hour

May 1934: **DETROIT TO PITTSBURGH**  
48 minutes, 19 seconds at 329 miles per hour

May 1934: **DETROIT TO NEW YORK (550 miles)**  
1 hour, 47 minutes, 21 seconds at 307 miles per hour

Sept. 1934: **LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK**  
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#### Bureau Tests Radio Reporter

RADIO TRANSMISSION of the facsimile of a typed or hand-written message may be a future method of disseminating weather information on the Federal Airways System, if experiments now under way by the Department of Commerce prove successful. A system of radio facsimile transmission has been given a preliminary test by the Bureau of Air Commerce.

The Bureau also has under consideration other methods of transmitting radio messages so that they can be received in recorded form, but will not make any change in the present communications system of teletype machines until all of these investigations have been completed.

Facsimile transmission, as tested by the Bureau, is based on the scanning beam principle. In the tests, messages were transmitted from the Washington, D. C., airways radio station at Silver Hill, Maryland to the Department of Commerce building in Washington, D. C.

Rex Martin, Assistant Director of Air Commerce in charge of air navigation, who arranged for these experiments, said that both the transmitting and receiving machines were compact, and could be set up for operation by plugging them in, respectively, in a transmitting set in place of the microphone and in the receiving set as a substitute for the headphones or loud speaker.

#### New Weather Stations Opened

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE weather reports for pilots are now available at Fort Worth, Amarillo and Big Spring, Texas, and can be received on radio sets receptive to the Federal airways frequencies from 200 to 400 kilocycles. Flyers can get reports on radios, a new service in addition to the regular hourly reports now transmitted throughout the nation by the Department's communications system.

#### Map Series To Be Completed

SECTIONAL AIRWAY maps, showing geographical characteristics, political boundaries and other features such as beacon lights, airports and radio stations, will be available for every part of the United States in about eighteen months, according to Rex Martin of the Bureau of Air Commerce.

Eighty-seven units will be included in the sectional series, representing the first comprehensive, detailed map of the United States ever published. The nation has been mapped in its entirety before, but never by the thorough process that is in effect for the Department of Commerce air navigation maps.

The sectional airway maps will be useful for purposes other than air navigation. In some sections they will be the only detailed maps available.

#### More Electras Delivered

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 3, Northwest Airlines, Inc., further improved its transcontinental service from Chicago to Seattle by taking delivery of new bi-motor Lockheed Electra equipment which has made it possible to reduce the westbound schedule from Chicago to Seattle by approximately 90 minutes, and eastbound by one hour.

The new schedule provides for departure from Chicago at 5:15 a.m. with arrival in Seattle at 6:25 p.m.

#### Plans For Airship Terminal Progress

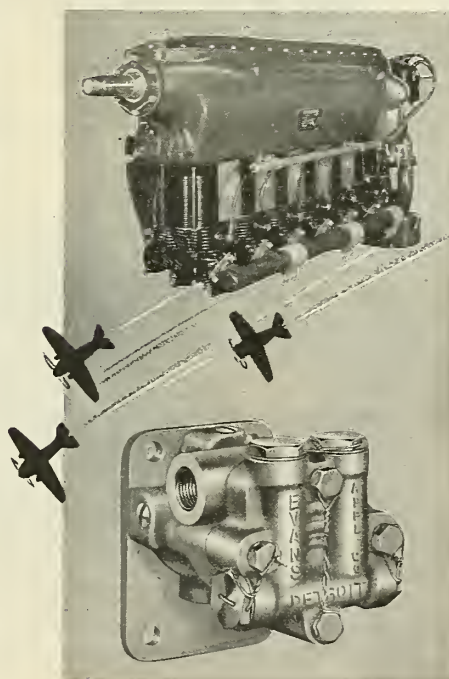
RESPESS, AERONAUTICAL Engineering Corp., Cranston, R. I., has applied for a loan from the RFC to finance the construction and operation of two airships, an airship factory, and a dock, for trans-Atlantic airship service. A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Francis B. Condon authorizing a loan of \$12,000,000 to the Respass Company. The airships are to be 7,000,000 cubic feet capacity of a new suspension-bridge type design.

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### July Exports Reach Peak

REACHING THE highest point in the past eleven months, exports of aeronautical products from the United States during July, 1934, totaled \$1,730,762. This figure is almost \$500,000 more than was done in the last best previous month, April, 1934.

The greatest part of the export business was in aircraft, with 42 planes, valued at \$1,020,442, going to purchasers in foreign countries. Exports of parts and accessories were the next highest with \$471,162 realized while 34 engines brought \$119,775. The balance was made up from the sale of parachutes and parachute parts.

China purchased \$573,405 worth of American products including 16 aircraft and 2 engines. Poland spent \$24,700 for American aircraft engines while the Union of Soviet Russia took \$230,453 worth of parts and accessories. Peru spent a total of \$318,226 for aircraft, engines and accessories.

Aircraft were also purchased by the following countries: Peru (9), Bolivia (5), Brazil (4), Hawaii (2) and one each by Norway, Canada, Panama, Mexico, Hong Kong, Philippine Islands, Egypt and the Union of South Africa.

### Ryan Reduces Prices on S-T

REDUCTIONS OF \$300 in certain models of the new Ryan S-T series have been put into effect by the Ryan Aeronautical Corp., San Diego, Calif., according to Earl D. Prudden, sales manager.

The super-sportster is now offering as optional equipment a special sliding "all-weather" cockpit hood. The cover, which slides forward when not in use, has been

so designed that it is easily operated when in flight. It can be built for either or both of the tandem cockpits.

### WACO AIRCRAFT SHOWS PROFIT OF \$25,433

WACO AIRPLANE Co., Troy, Ohio, for the six months ended June 30, 1934, had a net profit of \$25,433.05 after deducting administrative, selling and engineering expense. Net sales for the period were \$544,705.86 and net manufacturing profit \$129,394.32.

### 17 Fairchild's Delivered

WITH SEPTEMBER production already sold and the majority of the planes to be produced in October definitely assigned, Fairchild sales are continuing despite the anticipated seasonal fluctuation. In addition, work on the six high-speed, 10-place amphibians for Pan American Airways, is rapidly nearing completion.

A partial list of September deliveries reveals 17 Fairchild's in the hands of new purchasers. Three were 22's, and 14 were the 3-place cabin job, one of which was exported to Eugene Minneit of Italy.

### Wright Distributor Appointed

GRAND CENTRAL Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., has been made distributor for Wright engines and parts for the southwest, according to Major C. C. Moseley, president and general manager of the field.

### Repair Approval Regulations Eased

ELIMINATING INVOLVED procedure and consequent inconvenience and expense to manufacturers and repair agencies, new and more direct methods of approving alterations and repairs to licensed aircraft have been placed in effect by the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce, to remove where possible, with safety, any regulations or policies which may stand in the way of reduced costs, or which may otherwise hamper the industry.

The new methods, worked out by Col. J. Carroll Cone, Assistant Director of Aeronautics and his staff, provide for approval by an inspector of minor alterations and repairs made in accordance with accepted practice and which, in the opinion of the aeronautical inspector are safe and satisfactory. This eliminates the necessity of submitting detailed drawings and technical data to the Aeronautics branch in Washington.

A repair agency now need only send to the Branch, for record purposes, information showing that proper repair specifications were followed.

In order to facilitate this policy and avoid any misunderstanding by either inspectors or repair agencies, a bulletin, now being prepared, will include drawings showing in detail the most common types of repairs. Types not specifically covered may be referred to the Branch for final decision if the inspector thinks it necessary to do so.

Deviations from approved type certificate drawings and specifications which do not affect the primary structure may also be approved at the factory by an inspector. Drawings with these changes then will be forwarded to the Branch.

### Six Beechcraft Delivered

DURING THE past few weeks, six Beechcraft were delivered to their purchasers by the Beech Aircraft Co.

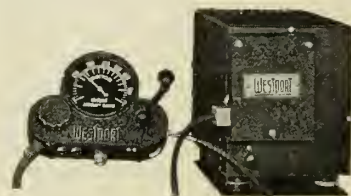
All were Jacobs 225-powered jobs and went to the Hartol Products Co., New York, N. Y.; Newark Air Service, Inc., Newark, N. J.; Beechcraft Sales, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.; Ward & Pearson, Inc., Roosevelt Field, Mineola, N. Y.; Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and H. L. Farquhar, Mexico City, Mex.

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# FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

## Australasia

BEATING THE best previous mark for a similar flight by 41 hours, C. J. Melrose flew 8,000 miles around the coast of Australia in 5 days 11 hours. Melrose piloted a Gypsy-powered Puss Moth, starting from Adelaide. The plane is also entered in the MacRobertson races.

THE ANNUAL race for the Viceroy's Challenge Trophy, to be held December 15 and 16, is a handicap race open to aircraft with engines under 400 horsepower registered in India or other parts of the British Empire. The course will be from Calcutta to Cawnpore on the first day and from Cawnpore to Bombay on the second, with checking points along the route. Prizes will include the Viceroy's Challenge Cup, other trophies and cash.

MISR AIRWORK, operating a number of routes in Egypt, including lines between Egypt and Palestine, Port Said, Mersa Matruh and between Cairo and Ras el Bar, carried more than 500 passengers during the first three weeks of August. The company also operates three flying schools, one in Cairo, another in Alexandria and a third in Port Said.

A REPORT of passengers carried by Qantas, Ltd., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934 shows that traffic over the airline was 24 per cent greater than the previous year and very nearly reached the peak period of 1930. In all, 3,073 passengers were carried as well as 19 tons of freight and express matter. Traffic in some cases was so heavy that passengers were turned away.

AN AERIAL survey costing £150,000 will be undertaken in northern Australia with Mount Isa in Queensland, Port Hedland in Western Australia and Daly Waters as the bases from which the planes will operate. These centers are on established airline routes and have complete aerial facilities.

TO PROVIDE for aircraft launching of the 24 Seagull Five amphibians ordered in England, the Commonwealth Government of Australia has purchased several catapults which will be placed on its cruisers and carrier ship.

## Canada

CAPREOL & AUSTIN, Ltd., Waco dealers in Toronto sold three de luxe cabin jobs in one week. These planes, for the mining fields of northern Ontario, will be fitted with pontoons.

TRAFFIC HAS been heavy this past month at the air harbor on the downtown Toronto waterfront. A number of planes from the United States have visited the base, and the firm of Capreol and Austin have been busy taking vacationists north to various resorts, and with delivery of new planes to mining camps.

THE MARITIMES Goodwill Flight during August touched at most points in the three Maritime provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The tour was in charge of George Ross, executive of the Canadian Flying Clubs Association, who carried as passenger Lieut.-Col. George A. Drew.

## Great Britain

TWELVE IMPORTANT cities and towns in Great Britain and Ireland are now linked by the new inland air mail service flown by Railway Air Services, the combined Imperial Airways and four railway groups organization. Four-engined de Havilland D.H. 86's are flying over the route.

PLANS FOR the establishment of an airport in the heart of London are receiving serious consideration by the City Lands Committee which is making a serious attempt to solve the problem of the centralization of British air communications. London's nearest airport is at least forty minutes from it and in order to retain the advantages and benefits of air transportation, it is felt that the erection of an enormous landing platform over the Thames River along the foreshore and above some of the existing riverside warehouses, will be practical and also cut down the time from the airport to the city.

THE INITIAL award of the British Gold Medal for Aeronautics was made to Captain G. de Havilland for his achievements leading to the advancement of the science of aeronautics. The medal was founded in 1933, following a request from Lord Amulree, when Secretary of State for Air, that the Royal Aeronautical Society recognize, by an award, the outstanding feats in aviation leading to an advancement in the science of aeronautics.

VACUUM OIL Company's Beechcraft visited in England recently, being the first plane of this type to be seen in that country. The plane, powered by a Jacobs 225 engine, is touring Europe and has already visited Scandinavia, Germany and Holland. Mrs. Amy Mollinson has the English agency for Beechcraft.

FURTHER APPRECIABLE increases in the number of letters outward bound by air from England are shown by recent figures. During the quarter ending June 30, 1934 airmail poundage totaled 61,300 as compared with 43,000 pounds for the corresponding period in 1933. Mail poundage increased 49 per cent on the England-South Africa service and 50 per cent on the England-Europe route.



Installing one of the four Junkers Juno-4 engines in a G-38 transport plane



## Holland

K.L.M., the Royal Dutch Air Lines is at present engaged with specific plans for an airline from the Netherlands to the Dutch West Indies, via Dakar, Africa; Natal, Brazil and other various intermediate airports to Curacao in the Dutch West Indies. There it is expected Pan American Airways will tie in with them to establish a direct airline between Europe and the United States. From present indications, K.L.M. will fly Fokker XVIII's, powered by three Pratt & Whitney Wasp engines. The aviation department of the Shell Oil Company is analyzing this route with the idea of establishing necessary refuelling points.

## Mexico

PASSENGER, MAIL and express service has been started on an experimental basis between Merida and Belice, British Honduras by Cia de Transportes Aereos Mexicanos del Sureste. This is the only regular transportation service between Yucatan and British Honduras existing in Mexico at present.

MEXICAN AIR transport lines carried 1,596 passengers during July, according to reports of the aviation department of the Ministry of Communications and Public Works. Most of these passengers flew on the Mexico City-Brownsville route operated by Pan American Airways' Mexican division.

ONLY MEXICAN pilots will be in air transport positions in Mexico by 1936 it was learned in the Ministry of Communications and Public Works whose officials said that the new general communications and transport law demand nationalization of airways, as far as plane crews are concerned. Aviation companies have been advised of this provision and will be granted sufficient time to adjust themselves to it. Foreign pilots may continue to fly after the law is enforced, ministry officials said, but they will be required to obtain Mexican citizenship.

MEXICO HAS an airline network of 9,618 miles operated by 15 transport companies, President Abelardo L. Rodriguez's message to congress pointed out. The report said that the air network was increased by 2,600 miles from September 1, 1933, to August 31, 1934, and that during that period air communication companies had received government subsidies amounting to \$23,000.

SERVICE BETWEEN Mexico City and Acapulco, a Pacific coast port resort, has been inaugurated by Aeronaves de



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Planes entered in the Challenge de Tourisme at Templehof before flying to Paris

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WITH NEW fields in service at Dzi-balchen and Bolonchen, Compania de Transportes Aereos, S. A., is arranging to fly a regular passenger schedule between Merida, Holpchen and Campeche City.

## Poland

CAPT. JERZI BAJAN and Stanislaus Plonczynski, both flying Polish R.W.D. planes equipped with Polish Skoda engines, finished first and second in the fourth international air race for sporting planes. Poland has now won the Challenge de Tourisme International a third time, two of them successively. Thirty-one planes started from Warsaw, and those that finished flew 5,900 miles and visited nine countries.

Germany, whose pilot Hans Seidemann placed third, also has won the event two successive times, and both she and Poland have an equal chance to gain permanent possession of the trophy in 1936.

## Russia

TWO SOVIET dirigibles, the B-6 and B-7, are now under construction, the latter having a volume of 323,086 cu. ft. Its gondola is designed for a crew of six, in addition to a passenger cabin which accommodates ten. This ship will be equipped with two engines, totaling 700 h.p., and will have a cruising speed of about 75 m.p.h.

Considerable activity in dirigible construction is in evidence in the Soviet Union. The first semi-rigid dirigible (75,916 cu. ft.) was assembled and made its maiden flight last year. At the same time work was started on a semi-rigid

ship of 653,235 cu. ft. capacity, now nearing completion, and another of 1,765,500 cu. ft., which is to be completed this year.

TASHKENT AND vicinity are being sprayed from planes, in efforts to rid the region of malaria mosquitoes. In Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Tad-jikistan, more than 49,420 acres of swamp land have already been treated and 370,650 acres will be similarly sprayed during the year.

SEVERAL NOVEL ideas are found in the design of a new glider-ornithopter, now under construction at the Menzhinsky plant. The weight of the pilot is to be distributed so as to make movement of the wings a comparatively easy matter. The first model is expected to remain in the air 20 to 30 seconds, without losing altitude.

## Sweden

LIEUT. THUNBERG, of the Royal Swedish Air Force just barely managed to outpoint Lieut. Clausen of the Danish Army in the 1000-mile Scandinavian Air Race held recently. Forty planes started the race and 33 finished.

TWENTY-EIGHT FIRMS were represented in the British Section of the International Aircraft Exhibition which opened at Copenhagen on August 17. Most are members of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors. Among the planes shown were three military and five commercial craft including the single-place Scimitar fighter, capable of a top speed of 225 m.p.h., one of the new Blackburn torpedo-spotter-reconnaissance planes, two autogiros and a Major.

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## PILOTING FOR PROFIT

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siderably more than is gained when cruising correspondingly below the required average. As a further example, if the engine r.p.m. are increased so as to get ahead of schedule and then throttled down to land on time, the amount of fuel consumed will be more than that used if the r.p.m. throughout the flight are maintained at the same speed. In general, under calm conditions or light winds, the pilot will operate more economically by cruising throughout the flight at the lowest r.p.m. consistent with maintaining the schedule. It must be remembered that the drag increases as the square of the speed and that the power and likewise (within the cruising range) the fuel consumption increase as the drag which they overcome.

Comparatively little attention is paid by the average pilot to the most economical altitude at which to fly. A careful pilot will strictly heed his upper air reports and endeavor to choose an altitude with the wind, provided that visibility, clouds, air smoothness, etc., do not interfere. Weather reports, however, are not complete enough to be the last word in deciding the most favorable altitude. The pilot should observe the clouds and smoke, note when the wind changes and, if necessary, change his altitude correspondingly. If necessary to climb through a head wind to a more favorable wind above, it is best to climb fairly steeply without running the engines wide open, thereby getting through the head wind and into the tail wind with the least possible delay. The same method applies in descending for a landing through a contrary wind. If there is a head wind and a tail wind available on the pilot's course the more time he spends with the tail wind and the less in the head wind the more economical will be his flight. Some experienced pilots claim that it is best to cruise at a fixed r.p.m. even though it brings them to the end of the flight ahead of schedule, because a shorter time in the air saves the most fuel. In general, it will be found that with due attention to the scheduled departure and arrival time, the more slowly the plane can be cruised and still kept on schedule, the less will be the fuel and oil consumption and engine wear. The practice of cruising at or above normal cruising speed under all conditions so as to fly from one stop to the next in the shortest time will be found uneconomical, particularly if the engine is idled on the ground during the extra time saved in the air.

With practically all transport planes, and especially with those equipped with supercharged engines, it is far more economical to fly at high altitude. Assuming the wind identical near the surface and above eight thousand feet (which is

rarely the case) it will be found more efficient and usually more comfortable to fly at eight, ten or twelve thousand feet than at one, two or three thousand feet, provided that the service ceiling is well above the cruising altitude so that the climb can be made easily, and provided also that the flight is of sufficient duration to warrant the climb. The economy of fuel consumption when engines are leaned, the cooler head and oil temperatures, the lessened strain on the superchargers and their gears, and the greater passenger comfort, are factors tending to increase the economy and efficiency of operation at higher altitudes.

Smoothness in handling a plane, both on the ground, on water and in the air, reduces unnecessary wear and tear on the plane and engine. In landing, some pilots use the brakes in an unnecessarily rough manner, resulting in extra wear on tires and landing gear and discomfort to passengers.

The use of the controls when in rough air must also be considered. Some pilots, most frequently young pilots, "fight" the controls, keeping the ailerons and rudder in continual motion in order (as they believe) to minimize the effect of air bumps. In rough air a certain amount of movement of the controls is necessary but it will be found that the correct amount is much less than many young pilots believe. They will frequently over-control so that they are in reality making the bumps worse. Excessive and continuous movement of control surfaces decreases the air speed to an appreciable degree and results in extra wear and tear on the control system.

A further factor which is neglected to varying degrees is the synchronization of engines of multi-motored planes. Perfect synchronization is important not only for comfort, but also (and particularly in all-metal planes) to decrease vibration and consequently lengthen the life of the plane and engine.

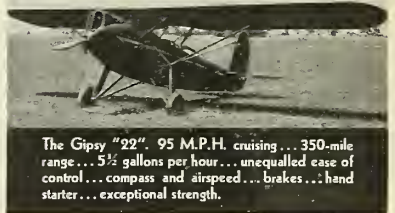
Proper use of the mixture control is a most effective means for cutting down fuel consumption. With careful attention, a pilot may use his mixture control at any altitude without danger of injury to engines, especially if the engines are equipped with cylinder temperature indicators. It is often heard that the mixture should never be "leaned out" at altitudes lower than 5,000 feet, but this rule was made years ago when aviation fuel was of a poor quality compared to that available today. With care there is little liability of ill effects from leaning out the mixture when the plane is in level flight. It is probably inadvisable to have the engine leaned out in a steep climb because of the possibility of overheating. Also it is best to have the mixture full rich when landing and taking off on account of the possibility of an engine stoppage at those times.

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## WEATHER MAP READING

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toward the nearest or the strongest low pressure area. "Highs" occupy much larger areas than "lows" and have been known to cover the entire country, generally traveling at the rate of about twenty-five miles per hour. Highs which follow a low usually indicate clearing weather; lows which follow a high usually indicate unsettled weather.

A low pressure area is one of low barometer, with more or less circular isobars, though in some cases they may assume "V" or wedge shapes. The winds follow the isobars inward in an anti-clockwise direction. The diameters of "lows" in the United States vary from about one thousand to fifteen hundred miles, and these areas will be seen to follow the general trend of surface isotherms, moving at about 27 or 28 miles per hour.

It is the dewpoint that warns of a fog possibility. This observation gives the temperature at which the air would be saturated with moisture, under the present conditions of temperature, humidity and pressure. If the temperature is greater than the dewpoint by seven degrees or less, there is danger of fog in the locality. It is advisable to heed the dewpoint reading when checking weather reports, even when the forecast for the next twelve hours is at hand for each of the localities coming within the projected itinerary.

Only the four principal cloud forms are really necessary for the average pilot. The Cirrus, Cumulus, Nimbus and Stratus are the basic types, the other cloud formations being practically always made up of combinations of these four. The Cirrus, generally the highest in the sky with a normal altitude of 25,000 feet, are white clouds, generally detached in the form of soft tufts, although they may appear as long stretches across the ceiling. Cumulus are the billowy white wool-pack clouds that are so common. They have the thickest known dimensions, averaging approximately 2,400 feet in thickness. They appear as large patches, but in high winds become broken up into small portions, which are called Fracto-Cumulus. The normal altitude of the Cumulus is about 5,000 feet. Nimbus, the rain cloud, is seen as thick layers of dark masses without any apparent shape, and with ragged edges, from which rain or snow is generally falling. If Nimbus clouds separate into shreds, or if small loose clouds are visible floating underneath large Nimbus, they are com-

monly called "Scud." The usual altitude for the Nimbus is 6,000 feet or less, and their thickness runs in the neighborhood of 1,000 feet. The lowest cloud formation is the Stratus, which often reaches to the ground, and is never higher than 3,000 feet. The sky is generally completely overcast, and the visibility is always poor.

Pilots whose ships are equipped with radio can always get the latest reports on local weather while in flight, but unless they know at least some facts about meteorology, the broadcasts will probably tend to confuse them. They should gather more than the "zero-zero" that the phones tell them to be fully aware of the advisability of sitting down, going ahead or turning about.

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## PERSONALITIES

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In 1911 the movie business arrived in Hollywood, but Elmer kept right on making church windows and bar fixtures until 1915, when with a friend he purchased a movie camera and became a producer. He's one of the few cinematographers who started as a producer and finally worked up to cameraman. He and his friend took the picture of an automobile road race and booked it around Los Angeles; then he took pictures of Burbank's spineless cactus—no relation to Hiram Bingham, sometimes referred to as belonging to the same general species. As a steady job, (the glass business having gone into a slump) Elmer became an assistant set-designer and dresser at Universal studios, suddenly working into the studio camera end. The war was on, and the cameraman who was shooting a Texas Guinan picture was drafted to go over to Europe and look silly, with the rest of us. In desperation the Director asked Elmer to take a shot at Texas with his spineless cactus and road race camera. Elmer did this amazingly well and so pleased Texas and the Director, Henry MacRae, that he was retained to make the rest of Miss Guinan's pictures. Elmer decided to keep on with studio camera work, so 1919 found him associated with Milton Moore, A.S.C., on what I believe was the first air picture, *The Great Air Mail Robbery*, (in a recent revival of which Jim Farley played the part of the villain, to loud hoots of derision.)

Well, as it happened, Milton Moore had a weak stomach; he simply couldn't do the aerial camera work on this picture, starring Lt. Omar Locklear in his famous plane change. So Elmer Dyer, his assistant, had to do the air sequences

on the whole production, which became a sensational success for those days. I recall hearing about it in England, or it may have been in Germany with the Army of Occupation. Anyhow, all of us R.A.F. pilots decided that it must be trick photography, for nobody could change from one plane to another in the air! We couldn't believe it.

A plane-to-plane change is a matter of fact procedure these days, but think of the nerve of the first man to attempt the stunt. With a word of sincere thanks to William Stull, A.S.C., who has favored me with the facts of Elmer Dyer's biography, which I have garbled in my usual nit-wit fashion, I want to end this with a quotation from Bill's letter. "As nearly as I can find out," he writes, "Locklear was the first man to do a plane-to-plane change in the air. Both Elmer Dyer and Dick Grace corroborate this, as do some of my friends who were at Brooks and Kelly Fields during the war. Omar Locklear, Skeeter Elliott and a third pilot identified only as Shorty, or Lieut. Short" (can this be Shirley Short? Cy) "worked it out as a pastime there at Kelly Field. Locklear would go up in one plane—usually with Elliott—make the change to Short's plane in the air, and come down in Short's ship. Dick Grace has stated that he has seen Locklear take off standing on the wing of Elliott's ship and be climbing the ladder to Short's ship before Elliott had reached the end of a 1,000 foot runway. There was no fake or camera trickery.

"Elmer was grinding a camera on the ground when Locklear was killed. It was a night scene, and the script called for Locklear to spin down from 5,000 feet with his plane covered with a phosphorous paint compound, to simulate flames. A battery of powerful arc-lights played upon the plane from below to illuminate it for the cameras. Locklear and Elliott went up to do the stunt. At 5,000 feet they went into a perfect spin—and they kept on spinning."

So ended the first of the famous stunt men, with Elmer Dyer grinding the camera, as he also has ground it in most of the crack-ups which have made Dick Grace famous. One of them was one of the few in which Grace lost control and didn't crack up exactly on the mark. In that one the plane veered, headed straight for Elmer and his camera, and piled up less than 30 feet from where Elmer stood. When the dust settled down, where was Elmer? Well, he was right there, still casually grinding away, getting the last fragments. You couldn't stop him. Bill Stull tells me that Dick Grace has described Elmer Dyer as "the nerviest, most daring individual who ever cranked a camera."

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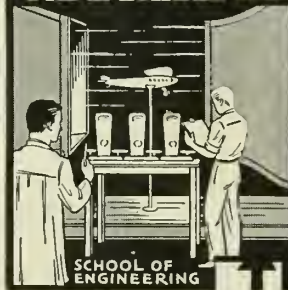
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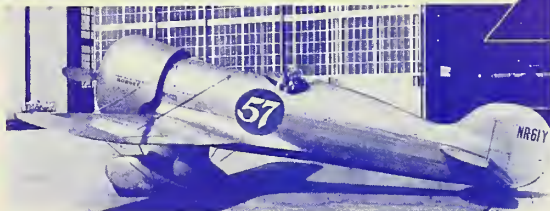
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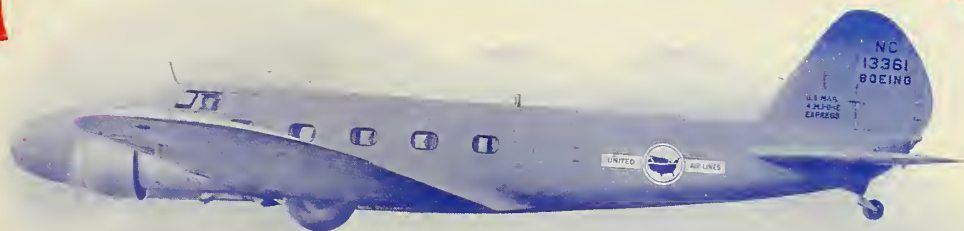
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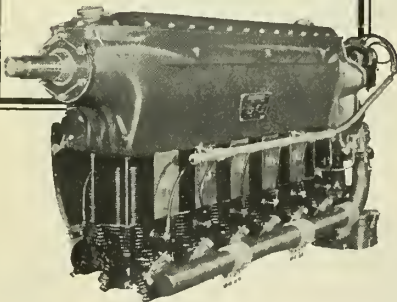
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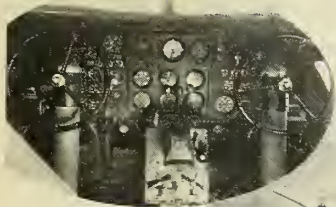
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A large cargo of air express being loaded aboard a Douglas plane of General Air Lines which operates between Salt Lake and Los Angeles. Connections at Salt Lake with United Air Lines, flying Boeing transports, speeds air traffic  $2\frac{3}{4}$  hours faster over the mid-continent route from Los Angeles to New York. Both types of planes used on the speeded-up service are counterparts of the American-built planes which showed such remarkable performance in the 11,323-mile London-Melbourne race, the Douglas winning second place and the Boeing third

# AIR

## Hot and Otherwise

FRANK A. TICHENOR

● The meddlers are in the mire! What are the grand army of self-appointed aeronautical authorities going to say now about the inferiority of American aircraft? What are the Farleys and the Blacks and the rest of the finger-in-every-pie politicians going to shout now about the corrupt and retrogressive American air mail system which produced the Douglas and the Boeing?

After the London-Melbourne race, they haven't a leg to stand on. They may think they have, but they're only feeding the fool that's in them. That race was an out-and-out victory for the American aircraft industry. It wrote boldly across the map of three continents that American transport planes are beyond doubt the finest, fastest, most efficient and most reliable in the entire world. And everyone with an iota of aviation knowledge admits as much.

Superficially, of course, British pilots in a British plane won the race. Moreover, there's no denying they flew a magnificent race, and flew it doggedly and courageously. But think of this before jumping to conclusions—they flew a special racing plane; the Dutch team and the American team both flew stock American airplanes exactly like those being used day in and day out on America's airlines. The British pushed their engines all the way, straining one of them to the breaking point. The Dutch and the Americans held their Cyclones and Wasps down to cruising *r.p.m.* The *Comet* carried only pilot and co-pilot. The Douglas carried a crew of four and three passengers. Scott and Black landed at Melbourne unshaven, verging on collapse. Parmentier and his co-fliers stepped from their Douglas bathed and fresh. The British *Comet* took the shorter route and made only *five* landings. The K.L.M. Douglas followed the handicap course, which was a thousand miles longer, and made *sixteen* landings.

Scott and Black were fortunate enough—and, we praise where praise is due, expert enough—never to have gotten off course during the entire race. Both Parmentier and Turner got badly lost; and Parmentier was forced down by a terrific storm 200 miles from his goal, spending the night on the ground before he could get off again.

Yet, despite these factors in favor of the *Comet*, the Douglas was only a little more than 19 hours behind in landing at Melbourne; and the Boeing,

about 23 hours behind. A second British *Comet*, which, like the Douglas, followed the longer handicap course, came in nearly 30 hours after it, and a third never got there at all.

So draw your own conclusions, not only about the quality of American production aircraft, but also about the upright purposes of the politicians and non-flying Army officers who have been spouting their slurs and slush at American aeronautics. In spite of gentlemen of this ilk, civil aviation in this country has forged ahead of the rest of the world. Think what it might do if they would quit their meddling, if they would leave it alone to grow as it should!

After such a demonstration, in which the mouthings of the ignorant have been refuted on the proving ground of the world, it is time these investigators and self-constituted judges were themselves called on the mat and made to explain what they are really up to. And not only the noisier ones. There are plenty of political appointees behind the scenes messing into and interfering with the activities of the Government aviation experts who are conscientiously and unselfishly trying to develop American aeronautics to a position of world leadership. They, too, might be asked to explain their conduct.

We in aviation cannot afford to deceive ourselves any longer. We cannot build aviation to its destined heights if we continue, as we have too often done in the past, to play politics against politics.

Of one thing you can be absolutely sure—whenever aviation finds itself in a position where it must stoop to political stratagems, it finds itself so placed principally because some politician has special interests to serve or selfish ambitions to achieve. When "duly elected representatives of the people" begin bellying their nescient philipics on aviation, you can usually be sure they are either thinking of re-election or they're trying to divert public attention from some condition truly dangerous to the public welfare, but beneficial to their own welfare. When non-aeronautical cabinet officials and departmental appointees put their foot into aviation matters, you can also be pretty certain that they are serving some master who is afraid of aviation and is fighting to squelch it.

In the President's Aviation Commission, we now have an opportunity to ex-

tract ourselves from the clutches of these interests; and to free ourselves once and for all from their henchmen.

In the opinion of *AERO DIGEST*, this is the most important thing the Commission can do for American aviation. Judging from the testimony at the open hearings, it is also the thing the industry is most anxious to have the Commission do. Repeatedly, representatives of the industry have urged the present Commission to recommend the creation of a permanent air commission, for in such a body they see a chance to get away from the confusion and injustices which arise in the wake of politics.

It now appears quite certain that such a permanent commission will be established. We believe it should be—provided it is wisely set up. Properly constituted, it should act as the umpire of aeronautics. Carelessly planned, it will merely turn out to be another player kicking aviation around as a political football.

Primarily, it must be non-political. At least, bi-partisan. Its members must be appointed on a continuing basis so that the appointments will overlap from one Federal administration to the next. It must be representative of all the major phases of aviation, and its members must be men who *know* aviation, and are ambitious for aviation, not for themselves.

Such a commission would be qualified to function as the supreme court of American aeronautics. Granted authority to judge in behalf of aviation, to determine broad national policies for aviation, and to advise or call to task the government departments vested with the execution of those policies, a commission of this character would be beyond the reach of political influence and out of earshot of the Farleys, the Blacks, the MacArthurs and the Nyes.

So, in conclusion, we say to you, Mr. Howell and your fellow commissioners,—if you would end the present confusion, if you would promote the great future of aerial America, give us a body of intelligent, air-informed and disinterested men who will have the good of aviation at heart and who will be competent to sit in judgment of its problems. Free us from the blight of the ignorant, the prejudiced, the self-seeking! We are confident that that is the objective you of the Commission, as well as we of the industry, hope to attain.

# Utility of Modern Private Airplanes

JOHN B. MOLITOR

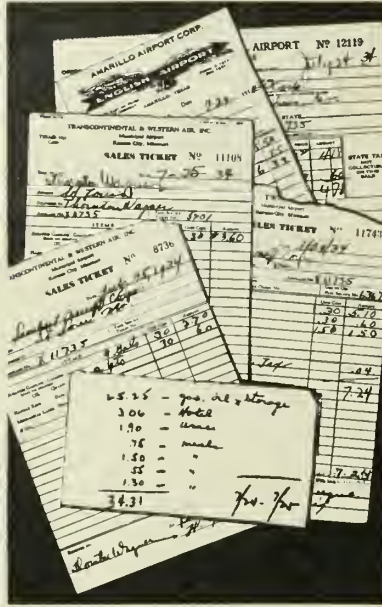
Sales Manager, Lambert Aircraft Corporation

● Many splendid and constructive suggestions and criticisms have appeared in the pages of AERO DIGEST and other media of the industry, concerning the sale and servicing of airplanes to the private owner and operator. As a whole, they have been well taken by the industry. From the ranks of the buying public, however, the question often arises . . . "Oh, the airplane is okeh for the man—or firm—with money enough to experiment. But tell me just how sky riding fits in with the picture of the average person trying to peddle such commonplace stuff as shoes, grinding stones or lead-pencils."

The question is fair; and all too often, it is countered with the reaction from the average airplane dealer that it is difficult to find a wide enough market for airplanes in general to keep sales at a profitable level! Not every dealer takes this attitude, we are glad to say. If they did, it would place the industry in a precarious and somewhat unstable position. But enough of them are saturated with the closely-drawn-limitations-of-the-market idea, expressed or unexpressed, to create a vital factor in the problem of less sales than there should be, even with present conditions considered.

If the proof of the pudding is in the eating and we may be permitted to cite examples from our personal experiences, let us submit evidence of how some airplane owners are utilizing their ships for both personal and business purposes. And we venture the opinion that for every type of owner described and pictured, there are myriads more who can and will be sold.

A glance at the accompanying photographs will reveal one type of low-priced airplane, as utilized in a dozen different private and commercial requirements; international racing and private airport hopping; foreign exploration and spare-time dove shooting at home; political campaigning, and the travel necessary to the business of selling washing-machines.



Purchase slips covering expenditures by two persons on a two-day, 1500-mile business trip by air

Taken as a group, these evidences of all-around usage would indicate that there is not, after all, too close a line to be drawn as to the field in which the airplane can effectively and pleasantly be used.

For example, in the fleet of privately owned airplanes drawn up on the flying line at Patco Field, near Norristown, Pennsylvania, are twelve ships flown practically every day in personal or business utility. Mr. W. D. Mason of the Sun Oil Company at Marcus Hook, owns the plane nearest the camera. Oil men have to get around, and Mr. Mason is quite content with the twenty-two miles

A dozen light planes with as many different flying utilities. A study of private ownership at Patco Field near Philadelphia

to the gallon he gets in his flying operations. Note the automobile terminology! Next in line is the airplane of T. W. Berger of Philadelphia, who keeps flexible in his traveling because the business of selling household appliances makes him do so. A student in the University of Pennsylvania flies the third ship, Lewis Bremer 3rd of Philadelphia. Mr. Bremer flies because he likes to, and there are many other University students who are becoming more familiar with this business of aviation. Other planes of the group belong to Henry A. Little, Jr. of Haverford, who sells them and naturally flies in his business; Karl Howard, an executive of an eastern steel corporation; Dr. T. McKean and Attorney W. L. Henry, Philadelphia professional men; Walter Dean, a prominent business man of the same city; and the Philadelphia Air Transport, commercial operators.

Here, in one locality then, are evidences of the fact that low-priced and economical aircraft do have a very definite appeal to the private operators. Furthermore, it is interesting to note that salient in their considerations is the factor of efficient transportation at low cost—a factor which we, as manufacturers, consider of paramount importance in our own schedules of moving about the country. Quite a bevy of private prospects would be interested in flying let us say, from St. Louis to Los Angeles on a normal business trip, for a total cost of \$34.31 for two men, including time out for considerable demonstrating in Kansas City from the 15-hour 40-minute flight.

The purchase slips illustrated bear mute but effective testimony to economy which is sought for by hundreds of prospects who want utility. We've described a few. Here are others whose cases can be duplicated, generally by the score.

In Oklahoma City, a hotly fought race for public office terminated just a few weeks ago. Outstanding in the contest was the splendid showing of Joe Bates, a



local attorney who sought the office of Attorney General. New to the field of politics, Mr. Bates made a business of his campaign by placing premier importance on quick coverage of the state's vast areas. Conducting his battle by airplane, Mr. Bates dove down over farms in his Monocoupe, scattered circulars from the cabin window, and then landed in nearby fields to speak to the followers assembled by his unique methods. Somewhat sensational? Yes! But his tactics brought results for a first-timer, as the records will prove. There are always elections.

On October 4th, Jack Wright of Utica, New York and John Polando of Boston sailed on the *Olympic* to participate in the MacRobertson Race from London to Melbourne. Their ship, powered with a 145 h.p. engine, will provide them with a top speed hitherto achieved only with engines of at least twice that power. And yet their fuel consumption is only nine gallons per hour at cruising speed. Still utility, and proving that even in the racing category, the economy ratio applies directly and indirectly.

In Washington, D. C., an airplane brings Lt. George H. Moffett, U.S.N., 30 miles from his home near Leesburg, Virginia to his desk in the Bureau of Aeronautics in 17 minutes—a round-trip commuting every day regardless of weather. "I like it," he states, "because tramping the corn fields for dove is my hobby, and Washington is my duty. I can have my cake and eat it too, because five gallons of gasoline just about runs me two days of going and coming." How many more such commuters are there to be found in the country?

Take for example the 10,000-mile exploration trip recently completed in Mexico and Central America by two youths—Bob Buck and Bob Nixon. In Buck's latest book, "Battling the Elements" may be found the tale of accomplishments with their small plane; but suffice it to say that loaded with men, tents, knapsacks, canteens, axes, guns, cameras and film, art supplies, clothes and first-aid kits with everything from sutures to snake-bite serum, they took off from elevations of 7500 feet without difficulty and flew over 14,000-foot mountains. Richard and Alice duPont only recently completed a pleasure trip of similar length, flying their seaplane down to Brazil and return with interesting side trips into the equatorial jungles. The average John Public wouldn't be taking such trips; but it's interesting to note just how the large city commuter could use his ship if his adventurous spirit ever got the best of him. There are lots of average mortals who would like to give vent to their suppressed romantic urges

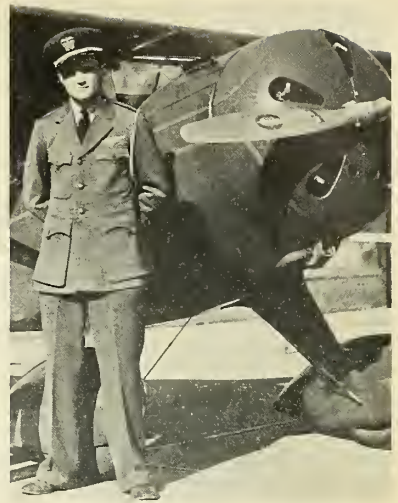
**Duty in the busy city by day—at night the quiet tranquillity of the country. Lt. Moffett and his airplane**

with flying equipment that would do the every-day, as well as the unusual job. The time will come when many others will take trips like these, maybe not for exploration, but certainly for a vacation or for the sheer fun of visiting far-off and interesting lands. With a good airplane and a little bit of common sense, anyone can go a long way nowadays.

Robert Glass of Dallas uses his ship in box office promotion for the string of motion picture houses he owns in Northern Texas. Another owner in California flies dairy products to towns every morning; and still another in Chicago makes time-saving contacts with his wide-spread accounts in the advertising agency business. These are not all. The vast area to be covered with as little as possible loss of business time has attracted innumerable industries to the airplane. The Kreuger Brewing Co. of Newark, N. J., has been using the facilities of the airplane in conducting its sales campaign in the south, covering most of the important cities; Muessel Brewing Co., South Bend, Ind., has sent its sales manager by plane on a 10-day trip, which extensively covered many states, reaching as far south as New Orleans. The Rochester Photo Supply Co., of Tulsa, Okla., has purchased a plane to facilitate delivery of its products to any part of the state, finding in this mode of transit, a means of speeding-up supplies ordered by oil field operators.

Airplanes as the *modus operandi* of sales in a large land development project in Washington is planned by the Puget Mill Co., Seattle which is negotiating a development program for 16,000 acres of land north of Seattle. Already owning one plane, executives of the company are contemplating the purchase of others for the use of company officials and employees in their sales promotional work.

C. C. Anderson, manager of a 773-acre walnut tract, 10 miles from Stockton, Calif., runs the orchard from the air. Every day, during the growing season,

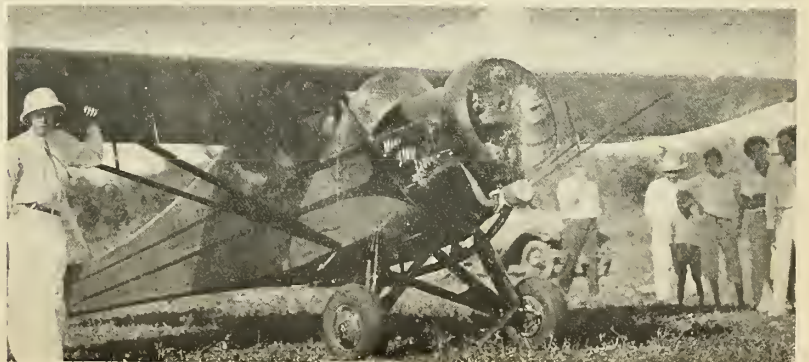


he flies over the fields to check the flow of water in the irrigation ditches, the spraying operations, the appearance of the trees and other details. He can do in one hour or two a job that would require a week or more of steady hiking.

Utility of the airplane does not end with business and pleasure, for it extends into the more sombre aspects of the law. In the hunt for Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and other notorious bandits and kidnapers, the airplane has played its part, speedily and well. The Nassau County Police, of New York, and many others, have purchased planes in which they can apprehend criminals, or bring back those already apprehended in other counties or states.

Dr. J. D. Brock of Kansas City will complete, on November 15, five consecutive years of private aircraft operation, in which he flew every day regardless of weather. Dr. Brock owns and operates three airplanes and uses them for everything from his personal travel needs to commuting to his modern and up-to-date ranch in southwestern Missouri. He writes, for instance: "I flew my Lambert (Monocoupe) down to the ranch yesterday, making the run down, direct airline

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Bob Buck on the island of Cozumel off the coast of Yucatan, base for an exciting Mexican Mayan expedition

# Paint and the Airplane

LONORE KENT

Director, Save the Surface Campaign

• While new principles in aircraft finishing have not been numerous in the last few years, regular advances have been made in composition of material, methods of application, and longer life in protection and performance, until aircraft finishes today can be considered equal to those used in the automobile business.

Dope, varnish and lacquer have repeatedly changed their characteristics, although the fundamentals on which dope formulas have been based for several years remain basically unchanged. Research and development work have produced finishing products far superior to those of even two years ago.

Synthetic resin materials are beginning to find considerable favor in various fields. Some of these synthetic products, generally speaking, tend to give a finish with qualities of adhesion, toughness and drying speed not found heretofore.

## Protective Coatings for Duralumin

Discoveries made by the Institute of Paint and Varnish Research Laboratories in Washington, have revealed zinc chromate pigment in combination with synthetic resin liquids to be an ideal primer for resisting corrosion and producing good adhesion. These experiments, carried on over a period of years from 1917 to 1924 by Dr. Henry A. Gardner, director of the laboratory, have revealed among other things, that even duralumin must be covered with some protective coating to avoid corrosion and pitting resulting from exposure to salt water. Further, these tests revealed that a basic pigment could be included as a component part of the protective coatings for duralumin and similar alloys, with highly satisfactory results.

As a result of these tests, Dr. Gardner designed a primer for duralumin. This consists of zinc chromate and red iron oxide (two pigments which gave excellent results) finely ground to a stiff paste in linseed oil (for elasticity) and then reduced with synthetic resinous varnish and drier. The thin consistency, when applied to duralumin surfaces, gives a fairly quick-drying coating.

The U. S. Navy, with its salt water exposure problem, has been experimenting with two new kinds of primer, one of which is a lead chromate glycerol phthlate over which is a gray enamel of glycerol phthlate. Iron oxide in a phenol formaldehyde liquid has also found favor in the Navy for use on hulls, covered by a gray enamel using the same type of vehicle. On metal parts of the engine

where heat must be considered, it has been found that glycerol phthlate offers good heat resistance.

Problems raised by the all-metal ship when it first appeared are still extant, but much progress has been made by paint manufacturers. They have been aided materially by practical suggestions from men in the overhaul and repair bases of many transport lines and in the Bureau of Air Commerce of the Department of Commerce.



Colorful in new distinctive painting, Boeing P26A's of the 95th Pursuit Squadron

The metal alone, anodized and not treated with any protective covering, has not entirely proved its case in service. The problem of formulating a paint that will stick to aluminum or duralumin has been practically solved by the anodizing method, since this treatment leaves a "tooth" to which the paint will adhere.

Anodizing is an artificial electrical oxidation process by which corrosion is begun and arrested, leaving a protective oxide film on the surface. The new synthetic primers are especially effective on anodized surfaces.

Perhaps the largest job of anodizing was done in the Boeing plant in the construction of 60 type 247 transports. This was probably the first effort at quantity production of this nature, and

for a long time the treatment room, housing several tanks in which large sheets and small parts were suspended, was in operation 24 hours a day, turning out about 44,800 square feet of work daily.

Some aircraft manufacturers regard paint on all-metal planes as not entirely necessary; others, however, insist on paint first for protection, and second because the average American wants a plane as good-looking as his automobile.

Government safety requirements dictate wing-top colors for purposes of high visibility, even in military planes which in wartime would be camouflaged. As private traffic increases and crowded conditions arise at airports, it is probable that government color regulations will be laid down for private planes.

The new planes ordered by the Department of Commerce have international orange on the top of the wings, chrome yellow on the under sides, and fuselages of lustrous black. While these colors were not selected primarily because of their visibility characteristics, it is believed they will be easily discernible under most conditions.

## Painting Metal Airplanes

The un-colored duralumin plane, now popular on airlines where utility is the first consideration, will not be popular among private owners, experts believe. Painting these planes constitutes a challenge to paint manufacturers to develop a system which will permit a few coats of very light weight, good hiding and durable finish.

Privately-owned fabric-covered planes will probably always be bright and varicolored. The gloss finish, obtained by standard methods of doping, sanding, rubbing, etc., and retained through the usual method of polishing, makes a great variety of color combinations available and assures the private owner of individuality in the appearance of his plane. This type of finish is also suitable for the all-metal plane. Beautiful but inexpensive automobiles, made possible by the American method of quantity production, will cause the private owner to demand beautiful airplanes.

The high gloss finish has been secured by several methods and by various manufacturers. One leading designer, for example, uses a process in which an oil base varnish is used for the finishing coat, giving a very glossy finish. Another designer builds up the final coat with clear, pigmented dopes, and then

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# The Amazing Adventure of the Punctured Major General

●  
CY CALDWELL

● "Dear me, Watson!" exclaimed Mr. Sherlock Holmes, tossing the *Times* aside and casually giving himself a shot in the arm, "London is becoming too quiet and law-abiding for the comfort of a criminal investigator. Absolutely nothing in the papers these days. By the way, will you request Mrs. Hudson to prepare a dozen mutton chops, a rasher of bacon, a plate of eggs, a dozen kippers, and a dish of tea for a light breakfast at six o'clock?"

I was about to reply when a double knock sounded at the street door, followed by a sound of voices as Mrs. Hudson ushered the visitor to our rooms.

"It's Inspector Lestrade of Scotland Yard, Mr. Holmes," said Mrs. Hudson.

"Come in, come in, Lestrade," cried Holmes. "What chance brings you here? Watson and I were about to go for a swim in the Thames. Will you join us?"

"Not to-night, thank you Mr. 'olmes," replied Lestrade. "As a matter of fact, I've come to request your assistance in a matter of extreme h'importance. Major General Sir Benjamin Chummy-Chumley Foulois, Chief of the Air Corps, 'as just been found with a knife in his back. Attached to the knife was a card on which was written, 'With the compliments of the General Staff!' Now what do you make of that, Mr. 'olmes?"

"Watson," cried Sherlock Holmes suddenly springing into action, "ask Mrs. Hudson to prepare a light snack—say a round of cold beef, a ham or two, a couple of capons, a few larded ducks, and a loin of cold pork. Of course you will accompany us, Watson; your patients may recover in your absence. Where was Sir Chummy-Chumley found, Lestrade?"

"In 'is chambers at Muddled Mansions, 'eadquarters of the War Department, Mr. 'olmes. He was unconscious, with 'is 'ead lying on a copy of the Baker Board's report. At first it was thought that the report 'ad put him to sleep, and then the knife was discovered. At present 'e is resting comfortably—as comfortably as one can with a knife in 'is back."

"They're Off!"

In a few minutes we were out of the house, buttoning our ulsters as we ran down the steps and Holmes summoned a hansom cab. "Muddled Mansions, the War Department," he ordered.

"Lor' lumme, y'r h'onor," cried the cabby, peering down at us through the

Muddled Mansions, where the destiny of our nation while at war is laid down, and sometimes out. . . .

trap, "me an' this 'ere 'orse ayn't bin a blinkin' mile awye from Piccadilly Circus in nigh onto 'arf a century." He then whipped up his horse, and we tore through the deserted streets of London at better than four miles an hour.

I must have dozed off, for suddenly looking out I found that our cab was just drawing up at that grim pile named Muddled Mansions, where the destiny of our nation while at war is laid down, and sometimes out. Not a light was visible in the ancient building before which a couple of stone lions, a dozen cast iron cannon and a few stands of ancient muskets typified the advancement which the War Department had effected in the art of Warfare. Engraved in stone over the doorway were the words, "PER ARDUA AD ASININITY," which, translated freely into the vernacular means, "By work toward further foolishness," or something like that. It was all very impressive and slightly dull.

"Bring the provisions, Watson," whispered Sherlock Holmes as he got out of the cab. "Be sure your revolver is loaded. Come, Lestrade—hurry, hurry!"

## The Unwelcome Visitors

As we knocked on the door, I could see that Sherlock Holmes was laboring under suppressed excitement. "Remember, Watson," he whispered as steps resounded through the corridor inside, "we can't trust any of these General Staff fellows; they are desperate characters, every one of them, and they will stop at nothing to hold their jobs."

The door was opened a crack and a very ancient servitor, probably a decayed Quartermaster Sergeant, peered out at us. "'Oo is ut?" he inquired.

"It's h'us," replied the Inspector, "Inspector Lestrade and Mr. Sherlock 'olmes, and Dr. Watson, on h'official business from Scotland Yard about the blinkin' knife that was found stuck in the back of Major General Sir Benjamin Chummy-Chumley Foulois."

"I won't say as 'ow you're welcome," remarked the decayed servitor sourly, "but I suppose as 'ow you'll 'ave to come in. This way, gentlemen."

"Will you wait in the library?" said



the old man, ushering us into a commodious room with a stuffed admiral in one corner and a petrified Ex-Chief of Staff in the other. By the light of a fire burning in the rusty grate I could read a few of the titles on the books, such as Crossing the Delaware with Washington, Crossing the Alps with Napoleon, and Double-Crossing the Air Corps with Gusto. There were several learned treatises on archery, on hurling stones with sling-shots, on the use of the arquebus, on how to build moats, and other subjects pertaining to modern warfare, as the science is understood by the General Staff.

"This way," said the old man, suddenly appearing with his candle, "the General Staff is in conference and command your presence. Walk quietly and don't speak loudly—they don't like to be awakened."

We entered a large room with a huge mahogany table in the center surrounded by an array of sofas on which several very, very old gentlemen in uniform were calmly sleeping. They looked very peaceful and harmless, lying there in the light of candles stuck in the necks of empty whisky bottles.

"Just to think, Watson," whispered Sherlock Holmes, "it is these old chaps who run our Army in time of war! Fortunately, the generals on the enemy's side always are as decrepit as our own, so nobody has an advantage. We had a young general once, a fellow named Billy Mitchell, but he used to romp around and play, and make noise at these conferences, so they threw him out."

Taking his microscope from his pocket, Sherlock Holmes examined each general carefully, then shook his head and whispered, "Only the faintest signs of life in any of these old codgers—none of them have the strength to shove a knife into Sir Chummy. Mind you, the idea may

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# Wings for Our Foreign Trade

EVAN E. YOUNG

Vice President, Pan American Airways



● America's first "aerial" trade mission, composed of representatives of the United States Government and some of the nation's leading publishers, recently completed an epochal 15,000-mile flight aboard the trans-ocean type *Brazilian Clipper* to the countries of the West Indies, and eastern South America. Graphically demonstrating the powerful commercial force our international air transport system has become, this flight established not only a series of significant aeronautical record achievements but also is recognized as having accomplished, in positive results, far more than all the goodwill missions which in recent years have been dispatched as part of a nationwide effort to maintain a "better understanding" and increased commercial advantages between the industrial areas of the United States and the world markets to the south.

Fresh from its long series of test flights at the Sikorsky factory in Bridgeport, during the course of which it reclaimed for the United States the ten world efficiency records for seaplane transport performance, all of which have for years been held by France and Germany, the 19-ton, four-engined, 32-passenger airliner departed from Miami on August 15 for a transport test flight to Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo and Buenos Aires. Under strict operating procedure, 11 days were allowed for the complete flight, with scheduled stops to be made in 12 countries, and with stop-overs of two days each in the capitals of Brazil and Argentina.

Flying northward with that same speed that had brought the airliner over the

western rim of the Atlantic to the River Plate and back, faster than this distance had ever been negotiated before, the *Brazilian Clipper* landed in Miami a full hour ahead of her 15-day schedule, adding the final line to the closing chapter of an epochal inaugural program that is probably one of the most significant commercial flights in the history of aviation.

Fifteen days before this newest of Pan American's Clipper ships had left this same port. Eight days before she had been formally christened in colorful ceremonies at Rio de Janeiro. Five days before she left Buenos Aires for the 7,100-mile return flight; and 12 hours before she had departed from South America. In five steps, dawn to dusk apart, she had spanned the east coast of the southern continent from the River Plate and the entire West Indies, to cut

Part of the crowd which turned out to greet the arrival of the Pan American Sikorsky "Brazilian Clipper" at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

two full days from the fastest travel time between Buenos Aires, Rio and the United States. Several of her passengers who were in Port of Spain on Thursday, breakfasted in New York or Washington on Friday. Through 12 countries the *Brazilian Clipper* had left a symbol; to those who made the flight and to the millions of others who followed her progress through the press and radio, she had demonstrated the beginning of a new and greater era in transportation—a new epoch in commerce and friendship between American nations.

Offering as it did the opportunity to secure, in so short a time, a comprehensive first-hand impression of the countries of the West Indies and eastern South America and to observe the commercial, cultural and political conditions which are determining factors in our inter-American relations, the inaugural flight of the *Brazilian Clipper* was organized as a trade mission in the interests of improved inter-American relations for the mutual commercial advancement of the United States and Latin America.

Eugene Vidal, Director of Air Commerce of the Bureau of Air Commerce, who had issued the transport license to the S-42 at Bridgeport, was a representative of the United States Government on the inaugural flight, and made an official inspection of Pan American's operating routes and methods. President J. T. Trippe extended to a group of the leading publishers and executives of the press associations of the United States, who have demonstrated keen interest in America's international relations, an invitation to accompany him on this trade mission.



In addition to Mr. Vidal, the passenger list for the inaugural flight included the following:

Roy Howard, Chairman of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers; William F. Brooks, Executive Assistant to the General Manager of the Associated Press; James H. Furay, Vice-President of the United Press; James G. Stahlman, President of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and publisher of the *Nashville Banner*; Frank E. Gannett, Chairman of the Gannett Newspapers, Inc.; Edgar M. Swasey, Vice-President of the *American Weekly*; M. C. Meigs, Manager of the *Chicago American*; Paul Patterson, Publisher of the *Baltimore Sun*; Amon G. Carter, Publisher of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*; H. V. Jenkins, Publisher of the *Savannah Morning News* and *Savannah Press*; John Cowles, Publisher *Des Moines Register and Tribune*; and John N. Wheeler, General Manager of the North American Newspaper Alliance.

In addition to President Trippe, Mr. George Rihl, vice-president of the Pan American Airways System, and the writer made the trip.

#### Itinerary of the Trip

In striking contrast to the runs of the original Clipper ships, as well as to the long distance steamer journeys with which America's trade has, before the coming of the air service, been developed, the *Brazilian Clipper*, flying at 160 miles an hour, spanned Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico between breakfast and dinner on the first day. In eight hours on the second day, passengers were in and out of the entire arc of the lower West Indies, Trinidad and into British Guiana, a port 15 days from New York by fastest steamer service, and on the third day they landed at Para, 4,800 miles from New York. The fourth day, stopping in and out of the ports of northern Brazil, brought them to Natal, the base to which both French and German flying boats are being speeded across the South Atlantic to wrest from the American airlines the speed leadership on the aerial trade routes of the Far South.

The fifth day took them to within 40 miles of Rio de Janeiro to Capo Frio where a landing was made because of fog and unfavorable weather conditions, a landing which, itself, was a graphic demonstration of the safety first policy which has secured for Pan American such an outstanding performance record.

Early on the sixth morning, the *Brazilian Clipper* rounded Sugar Loaf Mountain and came to a landing in Botofoga Bay in the Brazilian capital, nearly two days faster than the trip from the United States had ever been made before. There, in the presence of high government officials of many nations the airplane was given its name by Senhora Getulio Vargas, wife of the President of Brazil, and dedicated to Pan American service.

After two days in Rio de Janeiro, the flight continued to Montevideo and Buenos Aires. Two more days spent in Argentina and the ship and its passengers turned north again, flying up the coast from Buenos Aires to Miami in the impressive time of five days.

Organized without fanfare and conducted as quietly, the trade mission flight of the *Brazilian Clipper* made a profound impression through all of the countries visited. Official functions for the party were scheduled everywhere and, recognizing the sincerity of the members in securing more intimate understanding of Latin American conditions, every opportunity was provided whereby in the short time available, the party could secure first-hand and intimate information on the subjects which most interested them.

While cynics are inclined to scoff at the idea that there is any importance in goodwill missions, other observers have asserted that Argentine-United States relations have suffered severely in recent years because of an absence of just such personal contacts as the *Brazilian Clipper* party established.

Argentine and Brazilian Government officials welcomed the opportunity of ex-

changing ideas with the men aboard the plane, and the newspapers devoted many pages to their opinions on all manner of questions. These interviews impressed the general public with the idea that the important men of the United States really are interested in Argentina and United States relations with the Argentines.

President Justo of Argentina chatted informally with members of the party who spoke Spanish, asked innumerable questions and was keenly interested in the replies. American ambassadors made every effort to bring members of the party into close contact with Argentine officials as often as possible.

Foreign Minister Saavedra Lamas of Argentina said he hoped there would be similar visits frequently by prominent Americans, now that the Clipper plane had cut down the travel time to the limits within which business men could be away from home. The publishers frankly expressed their surprise at what they found and saw in South America, and came back convinced that there is an important field in South America for profitable, as well as friendly, relationship.

#### Time for Winning Markets

South America, especially Argentina, is, therefore, more receptive to American goodwill gestures now than at any time in recent years, and the *Brazilian Clipper* party is convinced that the time is ripe as probably never before for the United States to win a permanent place in South American affections and markets.

The newspapermen on their flight down the southern hemisphere crossed Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic—always good customers of United States' manufacturers—crossed Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands—American territory—visited Trinidad—from where the asphalt comes—touched the Guianas and flew for three days along the coast of Brazil, calling in at ports from which North Americans get their coffee. They visited the cattle and grain countries of Uruguay and Argentina.

Everywhere they touched they were  
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Presidents Terra of Uruguay and Vargas of Brazil and South American military officials who flew in the "Brazilian Clipper" at Rio



# The 11,323-Mile MacRobertson Race from London to Melbourne Within 71 Hours

## A DAY-BY-DAY ACCOUNT OF THE EPIC SPEED CONTEST

● Twenty airplanes from seven countries were drawn up in two rows on the broad expanse of the Royal Air Force field in Mildenhall, England as the clock neared 6:30 on the morning of October 20. Just 18 minutes later, all had made successful take-offs and the MacRobertson Race half way around the world to Melbourne, Australia, was under way.

First into the air were James and Amy Mollison in a deHavilland *Comet* with two special Gipsy Six engines. Then every 45 seconds, almost with monotonous regularity, the rest of the field got under way. Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangborn, flying their P. & W. Wasp-powered Boeing 247-D transport were next; then came Cathcart Jones and Kenneth Waller in another *Comet*; D. L. Asjes and G. J. Geysendorfer in a Wright-powered Dutch Pander; T. Neville Stack and S. L. Turner flying an Airspeed A.S. 8 with two Cheetah VI engines; C. W. A. Scott and Campbell Black in a third *Comet*; K. D. Parmentier and J. J. Moll in a Wright Cyclone-powered Douglas airliner; Jacqueline Cochran and Wesley Smith in a Gee Bee with P. & W. Hornet; Jack Wright and John Polando, Warner Super-Scarab-powered Monocoupe; C. G. Davies and C. N. Hill, Fairey III, Napier Lion powered; H. D. Gillman and J. Y. C. Baines, Fairey *Fox*, Felix-Curtiss powered; James Woods and Donald Bennett, P. & W. Wasp-powered Lockheed; J. D. Hewett and C. E. Kay, deHavilland *Dragon*, powered by Gipsy Six; Raymond Parer and Geoffrey Hems-worth, Fairey *Fox*, Fairey-Felix-powered; Michael Hansen and Daniel Jansen, Desoutter *Mark II*, with Gipsy III; H. L. Brook and E. M. Lay, Miles *Falcon* with Gipsy Major; Malcolm MacGregor and Henry Walker, Gipsy-powered Miles *Hawk*; G. Shaw, British Klemm *Eagle*, Gipsy Major; D. E. and K. G. Stodart, Airspeed *Courier*, Cheetah V; and Charles Melrose in a Gipsy-powered deHavilland *Moth*.

Thus started the air race which attracted the attention of the entire world and in the preparation for which almost a year had been spent in making plans for the gruelling flight across three continents.

Less than three weeks before the start, competitors, organizers, aircraft and en-



**The winning plane—Scott and Black's twin-engined deHavilland "Comet"**

gine builders, map-makers, shipping agents, handicappers and representatives of many other trades and professions were hard at work. Several of the chief foreign competing teams and their aircraft reached England. Planes built for the races were the center of feverish activity in the factories, where special squads of workmen toiled to bring the racers to the starting point in good time.

As the starting date drew near, the original list of 66 starters gradually diminished. Only 21 remained. Technical tests were completed on every plane, assuring conformation to the terms of its certificate of compliance with international commission airworthiness requirements. This meant that each plane was



*Wide World Photo*

**First place: C. W. A. Scott and C. Black**

strictly limited as to its maximum loaded weight, that it did not have a dangerously low rate of climb after take-off and that its structure possessed adequate safety factors. The most important of these rules required a plane to clear an obstacle 66 feet high within 656 yards from the starting point.

Adhering to the I.C.A.N. requirements the race committee ruled that Col. James C. Fitzmaurice, the Irish aviator, would not be permitted to operate with the restricted license issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce. They insisted that he carry less fuel, which would have made a substantial decrease in the plane's cruising range. Rather than operate under the handicap, Col. Fitzmaurice withdrew his Bellanca Racer, the *Irish Swoop*. The number of starters was now 20.

Counting pilots and co-pilots, radio operators and passengers, 48 persons participated in the race. Ft. Lieut. G. Shaw of Great Britain and Charles J. Melrose of Australia, flew solo. Seven persons, besides K. D. Parmentier were aboard the Wright Cyclone-powered Douglas airliner while the other planes each had a pilot and one or two co-pilots. Besides three American-built and American-manned entries, the United States was represented by two American-built entries flown under foreign colors. One was the Douglas; the other a P. & W. Wasp-powered Lockheed, flown by James Woods and Donald C. Bennett of Australia. Nine planes carried the hopes of Great Britain; New Zealand, Holland and Australia each had two representatives and New Guinea and Denmark each sent one plane. Sixteen planes were in the handicap race, the balance in the speed event which called for five compulsory stops before reaching their goal.

Those in the speed race were free to fly any course they chose, but had to check in at Baghdad (2553 miles from Mildenhall), Allahabad (4853), Singapore (7063), Darwin (9147), and Charleville (10,536), which is 787 miles from Melbourne, making a total of 11,323 miles. Weather conditions at the start were ideal, and all planes in the speed section



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Second place: K. D. Parmentier and J. J. Moll

of the race pointed for Baghdad, the first compulsory control point, 2,553 miles away.

Twelve hours 30 minutes after the take-off, James and Amy Mollison arrived in Baghdad, the first of the racers to reach the first control point. Averaging close to 200 miles an hour, they were leading the field. Reports indicated the Douglas in second place; the Dutch *Pander Post-jager* in third place and the Boeing in fourth position. But C. W. A. Scott and Malcolm Black, flying another twin-engined deHavilland *Comet*, who were unreported, came down in Baghdad 12 minutes after the leaders left for Allahabad, India, the second control point, to loom up as a major contender. After refueling, they were off for the next stop, 45 minutes behind the Mollisons. Late in the afternoon of the first day, the Gee Bee flown by Jacqueline Cochran and Wesley Smith was forced out of the race due to a mechanical difficulty. The other planes were strung out over Europe, some making necessary landings for fuel, others hurrying repairs, anxious to get into the air again.

Trouble beset the Mollisons between Baghdad and Allahabad. A faulty landing gear was the cause and while they spent a tantalizing day at Karachi awaiting repairs, Scott and Black passed them.

They left Allahabad early the second day and, flying on the great circle course, reached Singapore 39 hours 56 minutes out of Mildenhall.

Parmentier and Moll were now in second place; Turner and Pangborn third. The Mollisons finally got under way from Karachi before Jones and Waller, Britons in another deHavilland *Comet* arrived there. They then were in fourth position. Meanwhile the other Dutch entry, the *Pander* piloted by Geysendorfer and Asjes had been forced out. Up to this point, at least two records had been established. The Mollisons reduced the time from England to India to 22 hours 13 minutes from the previous mark 50 hours. The flight by Scott and Black to Singapore had eclipsed by about 2 days the best previous time, and the Douglas was doing better than anything hitherto accomplished by a commercial plane flying to the East.

Engine trouble threatened to interrupt the flight of the leaders, Scott and Black, and between Singapore and Darwin, one of their engines stopped, necessitating a flight into the fourth (and next to the last) compulsory stop on one engine. After hurried repairs they took off again for Charleville, Australia, 1384 miles distant. When they hove into sight of the airport there, the engine again was dead. Parmentier and Moll, Turner and Pangborn, and Jones and Waller held their respective places as the race neared its finish. Dawn of the third day, saw the Dutch team in the American plane arriving at Darwin, refueling and taking off quickly. Turner and Pangborn, closely pressing for second place, landed there a few hours later far ahead of the fourth-place Britons who had not yet reached Singapore.

By this time, the Mollisons announced their withdrawal from the race; disaster overtook Gillman and Baines in Italy and the rest of the field was still scattered from Europe to Asia.

Mechanics feverishly adjusted the bad engine on the leading *Comet*, but after flying out of Charleville, Scott and Black

were forced to return for further adjustments. However, following the second take-off they had just sufficient power to reach Melbourne, 786 miles away, ahead of the field. As they flew over the Flemington Race Course in Melbourne, jammed with 100,000 people, their nearest competitor was 800 or more miles away. They had won the MacRobertson Race with its \$2,000 trophy and a cash award of \$50,000. Their time from London to Melbourne was less than a minute short of 71 hours. It was the third time Scott figured as a record-maker between these points, this time lowering the record by 4½ days.

The Douglas and the Boeing both met delays on the last lap. Parmentier, lost in the bad weather, landed to get his bearings and was bogged down for the night less than 200 miles from his goal. Two hundred miles further back, Turner and Pangborn came down to repair a broken oil line. With clearing weather, Parmentier took off for Melbourne, arriving 19 hours 19 minutes behind the winner. Turner and Pangborn arrived 2 hours 44 minutes later while Jones and Waller, still in fourth place, landed at Darwin.

Entries in the race at that time were as far back as Athens where H. L. Brook was awaiting replacement of a broken propeller.

The fourth day witnessed the completion of the race for Jones and Waller who landed at Melbourne, 118 hours 32 minutes out of England.

The map positions of the handicap race fliers afforded no guidance to their positions in the race. They had 16 days in which to reach Australia and their elapsed time was reckoned only while they were in the air or at other than control points.

Hewett and Kay were in Singapore; the Stodarts and Hansen both had gone on beyond Calcutta; Shaw was delayed at Bushire, Persia. Wright and Polando, due to a misunderstanding as to the validity of their clearance papers, were detained and jailed for landing at Mohammerah, Persia. MacGregor and Walker were flying from Batavia; Melrose



Douglas airliner flown by Parmentier and Moll, carrying three passengers, their baggage, a crew of two and 30,000 air mail letters



Wide World photo

Third place: Pangborn and Turner

left Allahabad while Davies and Hill were still at Cyprus. Brook was still awaiting propeller replacements at Athens.

The fifth contenders to reach Australia were MacGregor and Walker who, on the fifth day landed at Port Darwin. Behind them, in that order, were Hewett and Kay; the Stodarts, Hansen and Jensen, Melrose, and Wright and Polando, who were released from custody by the Persian border authorities. The others did not take off, remaining where they were the day before.

Nine other derbyists were still plodding the route as Jones and Waller made plans to backtrack the race course to England. They had hopes of flying the round-trip in eight days, but it was almost a week after they left England that they took off from Melbourne for the return flight. Averaging about 200 miles an hour, they landed in Singapore, taking only 10 hours 20 minutes to cover the 2084 miles from Darwin. If they could maintain that speed, the chances for lowering the Scott-Black record were good.

It was possible that the homebound Britons in the *Comet* (described on page 34 of this issue of *AERO DIGEST*) would pass another plane enroute to Australia. Despite his withdrawal from the MacRobertson Race, Col. Fitzmaurice decided to fly the race course, aiming at the establishment of a new record from England to Australia. Following the five-control-stop course, Fitzmaurice and Eric W. Bonar, his co-pilot, took off from Lympne, England, in their Bellanca racer on October 29, favored by good weather over a large portion of the route. They planned to fly at altitudes where their supercharged P. & W. twin-row Wasp could operate most efficiently and estimated they would negotiate the 11,323 miles in about 58 hours. Three hours later, however, they were back in Lympne with mechanical trouble which threatened to delay them longer than they anticipated. The expected meeting of the race planes was still probable, for Jones and Waller were delayed in Allahabad by engine trouble. Their halt there and a

layover in Darwin apparently robbed them of any chance of setting a new record.

Col. Fitzmaurice withdrew from the MacRobertson Race when he was unable to complete his load tests prior to its start and his plane was restricted at that time to a gross flying weight of 5,400 pounds, the amount considered by the race committee as safe. Subsequently, however, and after the race began, the Bellanca, *Irish Swoop*, received a full certificate of airworthiness for a gross flying weight of 8350 pounds.

The first team entered only in the handicap section and the only New Zealanders in the contest, MacGregor and Walker, landed at Laverton Airport, Melbourne, October 28, the fifth plane to finish the race. At that time, the Stodarts were in Darwin; Hansen had taken off from Batavia; Melrose was at Rambang while Wright and Polando were enroute from Karachi. On the following day, Melrose reached Darwin after a solo flight across the Timor Sea, the Stodarts reached Newcastle Waters, while Hewett and Kay landed at Cloncurry, Australia. Hansen was at Rambang ready for the flight to Darwin while Wright and Polando were delayed at Calcutta by engine trouble.

The Stodarts were the next to land in Melbourne, arriving there on the eleventh day after the Mildenhall take-off. From the position of the balance of the field it was evident that, barring unforeseen delays, the youthful Melrose would arrive next. Following them would be Hewett and Kay; Jensen and Hansen and Wright and Polando who at that time were in Calcutta awaiting completion of repairs to their plane. Despite irritating delays, the American pilots were determined to reach Melbourne. If these teams got through, ten of the original starters will have completed the long flight.

As the race entered its final stages it was apparent the American aviation industry was satisfied with the gratifying reaction abroad to the showing made by this country's principal entries. The performance of the Douglas and the Boeing

made a profound impression on the public, both here and abroad. If tangible proof was needed, it came in the form of an announcement by the Royal Dutch Air Lines that it had ordered ten sister ships of the monoplane in which its pilots, Parmentier and Moll, had finished such a brilliant second.

British aviation experts, enthusiastic at the victory of Scott and Black, were first to say that the flights of the two American built and powered transports, were more significant commercially than the flight of the winners.

The intense interest of the entire world in the MacRobertson Race prompted French and American officials to think of similar flights. France announced, through General Victor Denain, its Minister for Air, that it will organize an international air race from Paris to Hanoi, Indo-China during 1935. Modeled directly on the London-Melbourne race, the French-sponsored race will be deliberately intended to stimulate French long-distance aviation and redeem it from criticisms because of France's failure to send any satisfactory planes to London for the race.

A suggestion that the United States sponsor an international air race around North and South America was made by Rex Martin, Assistant Director of Air Commerce, who was in London for the start of the MacRobertson Race. Martin said that upon his return to this country he would broach the idea of an air race, open to all comers, with none of the restrictions which proved so irritating to many intending participants of the race to Australia.

A computation of the Scott-Black flight indicated an elapsed time of 70 hours 59 minutes 50 seconds, averaging 159.1 miles an hour and making six stops. One landing was made at Kirkuk, Persia. Parmentier, on the other hand, made sixteen stops, and had taken 90 hours 17 minutes 30 seconds flying over a route which was almost 1000 miles longer than the one taken by the winners. The American team in the Boeing was clocked at 93 hours 5 minutes 15 seconds.



Turner and Pangborn's Boeing airliner, third to reach Melbourne in the MacRobertson Race



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The extraordinary showing of the Cyclone-powered Douglas Airliner represents a magnificent achievement for a stock commercial transport and engines, carrying a heavy payload consisting of passengers, baggage, food and 30,000 air mail letters. It is a combined achievement for the K.L.M. pilots, K. D. Parmentier and J. J. Moll; the Douglas "Luxury" Airliner; and the Wright (Series F) Cyclones, which functioned perfectly throughout the entire flight.

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## Permanent Air Commission and New Air Mail Bill Needed

● In reports being made to the Federal Aviation Commission in Washington, some points stand out as particularly significant; they are those mentioned most frequently in the efforts to reach an equitable platform upon which the industry can be placed on a firm basis.

Foremost is the opinion that there should be a permanent commission to regulate commercial aviation in all its phases.

A non-political, far-sighted and fair-dealing tribunal would accomplish much, particularly in keeping the industry out of politics and in helping it grow into a sounder institution. If such a group becomes an actuality (and there is little doubt that it will not) regulation of the non-military activities of the industry would be confined to one body, instead of the various governmental units that have a hand in its operations. The creation of this board would also assure the industry of representation by a group that has its interests at heart and to which alleged abuses could be brought for patient and friendly discussion.

The second outstanding point is the unanimous feeling among the transport operators that the present air mail bill is a pernicious and destructive bit of legislation which is slowly sealing the doom of the American air transport system. It has many offensive features which should be eliminated or revised. Besides removing from the industry those men who had most to do with building it up, it also is unfair in its terms concerning carriage of the mail.

Today, operators are at the mercy of the Post Office Department, relative to the loads of mail they may have to carry. Operators now are unaware, almost up to the take-off time, whether they will be required to carry 100, 500 or 2,000 pounds of mail matter. In many instances they have been forced either to remove paying passengers or run extra sections with less-than-capacity loads at great financial loss.

In addition, the present rate structure can also stand considerable alteration. More equitable terms should be legislated so that a fair profit should be realized by the operators. If for some very good reason, which is not apparent now, all non-local first class mail cannot go by air, then the airlines should be paid a flat fee for carrying a certain amount of mail, the

space for which has been contracted for by the Post Office. If regular air mail cannot fill this space, the Department should fill it with ordinary mail, thus avoiding a prohibitive cost for carrying air mail only.

## Six Days From New York to Shanghai

● The phenomenal progress achieved by American air transport lines in the ten short years since their inception will approach a grand climax a few months from now when Pan American Airways begins its projected air transport service across the Pacific Ocean. In the span of a single decade, our progressive and energetic companies will have accomplished more than the railroads and the steamships combined took a life-time to do, and which surface transportation never can match in the matter of speed.

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It is reassuring to know that an American company is pioneering in the ambitious program, for several European countries are contemplating or actually promoting transoceanic service. They are aware of the trade advantages and improved diplomatic relations between themselves and countries in the Far East to be derived from such lines. In this country we have already experienced the benefits resulting from the operations of Pan American Airways into South and Central America.

With the present overnight coast-to-coast services and the inauguration of transoceanic service, both cherished dreams of our aviation industry, the present year will go down in aeronautical history as the year in which American air transportation surmounted some of the most difficult old barriers of distance and time.

These advancements are but a beginning. In the not-too-distant future regular airplane service (first for mail and express, and then for passengers), will be maintained across the Atlantic Ocean, completing the chain of an aerial service that girdle the entire globe.

## The Railroads' "Challenge"

● On the morning of October 25th, a long yellow worm, the new "wonder train" eased to a stop at Grand Central Terminal. Fifty-seven hours earlier it had pulled out of Los Angeles. Exclaimed the newspapers—the railroads' challenge to aviation!

If the challenge is one of speed, it is meagre indeed. While the streamlined train was crawling one way across the continent, an air passenger riding in a standard transport ship could have flown from Los Angeles to New York, back to Los Angeles, then back to New York again; and still he would have had to wait five hours to meet a friend coming in on the "yellow streak." It was a record-breaking achievement for this train to average less than sixty miles per hour on a unique transcontinental trip; the regular airline planes are averaging between 180 and 200 m.p.h. over the same distance, day in and day out. The coast-to-coast rail passenger aboard the Union Pacific's streamlined express must spend three nights and two days in travel between Los Angeles and New York; the air passenger need spend only one night between the same two points.

An old adage says "Any new form of transportation must be three times as fast as the old to supplant it." If the streamlined train is railroading's best effort in speed, then far from being a challenge to aviation, it is a prophet of aviation's supremacy.

## Our Air-Minded Military Colleges

● Both Secretary Dern and Secretary Swanson have expressed the desire that before long every cadet will have the opportunity of becoming thoroughly familiar with flying, and the former has emphasized the wish that some day, soon, every West Pointer will be an experienced pilot.

The action of these Departments is laudable not only because it focuses greater attention on aviation, but also because it places the airplane in a prominent position in the eyes of every soldier and sailor in this country. Greater familiarity with the airplane and with flight should have a decided influence on the future of aviation in the United States.



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## Mechanical Solution of Aircraft Structures

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● In no other branch of engineering endeavor have more precise and accurate solutions been used than in airplane design. The modern stress analysis of the complete airplane is a splendid example. Conservative assumptions are out of place since they usually involve making some members heavier than necessary. However, the rapid strides of the industry, particularly with regard to new types of construction, make it increasingly difficult to save the last few pounds with ordinary methods of analysis. The following outlined mechanical method of analysis has, therefore, obvious advantages.

The Beggs Deformeter method of solving structures is primarily a practical method using elastic models of the structure under consideration. It avoids calculus and simultaneous equations because each unknown is determined as a function of a known load and two measurable deflections. This method lends easily itself to the solution of fuselage bulkheads, curved beams, or arches with varying moments of inertia, effects of gussets as well as any complicated built-up structure.

The principle underlying the use of the deformeter is Maxwell's theorem of reciprocal deflections which states: the deflection of point *A* of a structure due to a load *P*, acting at any other point *B* on that structure, is equal to the deflection of *B* due to a load acting at *A*, provided the load and deflection of each joint are in the same direction. Thus the vertical, horizontal, and rotative reaction components are found experimentally, though no actual load is applied. A known displacement, found initially by calibration, is introduced at the point or section of desired stress and the deflection at the point of assumed loading is measured with a micrometer microscope.

For instance in Fig. 1 to find the vertical component of the reaction of *A* for an assumed load *P* with the support *B* fixed, a small vertical displacement  $d_1$  is introduced at *A* without permitting rotation or horizontal movement of the support. The corresponding displacement  $d_2$  under the load *P* is observed with the microscope. The vertical component *V*

of the reaction from theory is

$$V = P (d_2/d_1)$$

The horizontal component of the reaction at *A* is obtained by introducing a horizontal displacement  $d_1$  at *A* and measuring the corresponding deflection  $d_2$  under the assumed load *P*. Again from Maxwell's theory

$$H = P (d_2/d_1)$$

The same procedure is used for the moment component of the reaction at support *A*. The displacement  $d_1$  at *A* can be considered that at unit radius and  $d_1$  is again measured at point of assumed loading and

$$M = P (d_2/d_1)$$

*M* is the bending moment produced in a structure of the scale of the model. To convert this for the full size structure, it must be multiplied by a factor *N*, where the scale of the model is such that one unit of length of the model equals *N* unit of

the full size structure under consideration.

If the load *P* is considered to be unity and several microscopes are used to observe simultaneous displacements at various points on the model the influence lines for shear, thrust, and moment may be obtained. From this, the effect of a distributed load can easily be found.

A standard deformeter set consists of six deformeter gauges, three micrometer microscopes, and all accessories required for analyses by models. Fig. 2 shows a typical setup with two gauges and three microscopes, and a celluloid model. The deformeter gauge consists of two parallel steel bars with pairs of opposing Vee notches held together by coil springs allowing small relative motion between the bars. Precise gauge plugs of accurately specified sizes are provided for introduction between the gauge bars to produce predetermined amounts of thrust, shear and moment displacement. The fixed bar of the gauge is screwed to a board. The model is attached to the movable bar of the gauge by a clamp if the support is assumed fixed or by a needle point if assumed hinged. The known displacements introduced by the plugs at the gauges and the measurement of deflection at any point through the micrometer microscopes furnish all of the data needed to find the effect of any applied load *P* on the thrust, shear or moment at the section according to Maxwell's law.

The author has checked the use of this method with the setup shown in Fig. 2. The investigation was conducted primarily to prove the feasibility of this method as well as to find the effect of the jury strut in the lift truss of a high-wing, externally-braced monoplane. A 1/10 scale cardboard model was first cut out and preliminary tests made. The depths of the various members of the model were made proportional to the  $\sqrt[3]{EI}$  where *E* is the modulus of elasticity and *I* the moment of inertia. The results with this model were rather discouraging, the influence lines having remarkable tendencies to assume variations of a sinusoidal nature. This was finally ascribed to the variations in temperature and moisture during the interval between

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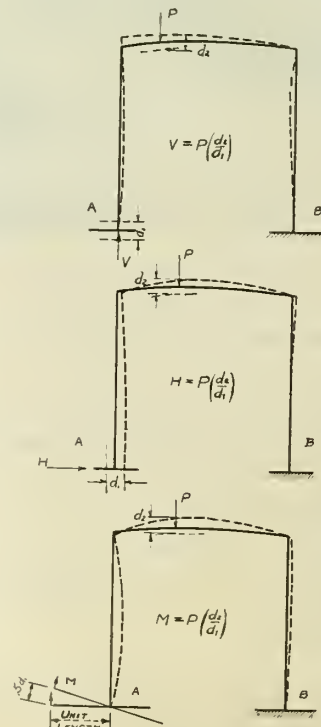
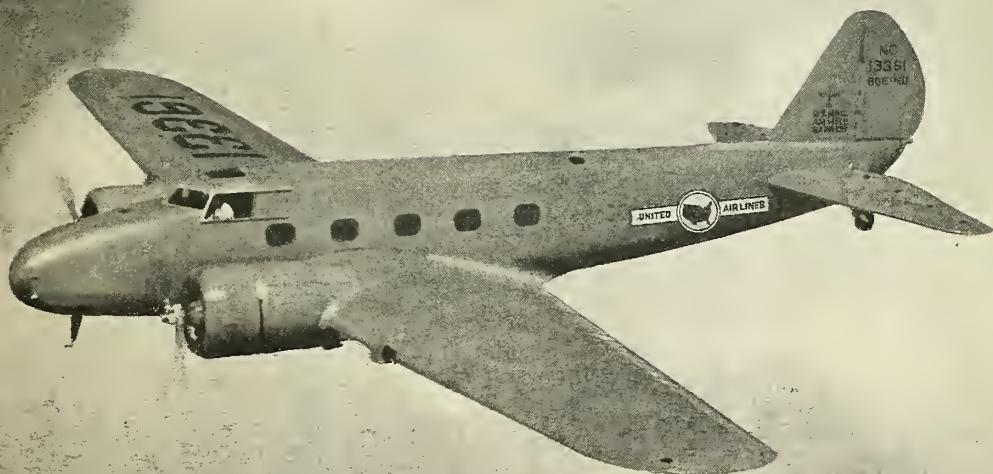


Fig. 1. Theory of the Deformeter

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readings. Accordingly a new model was made of celluloid. A small portable jig saw with an auxiliary filing device was found ideal for the construction of this model. It had less tendency to bend or warp and consequently fewer roller bearings were needed, thereby reducing any friction which may have been encountered by the original cardboard model. Two intersecting perpendicular lines were scribed at every inch along the span of the model, one of them parallel to the direction of the applied load. One cross hair in the micrometer microscope was always aligned parallel to this line since the deflection is always measured in the direction of the assumed load. First the influence line for the reaction at the fuselage was found. This was accomplished by the use of the shear plugs at this point and the measurement of deflections at every inch along the span. Similarly the influence line for axial load in the spar was obtained. The influence line for axial load in the jury strut is found by cutting the strut and attaching a gauge to this strut and proceeding as before.

#### Comparison of Results

The results obtained with deformer are compared with the theoretical solution in the following table.

Station	Deformer	Theory
Vertical reaction—fuselage	371	365.6
Vertical reaction—lift strut	2430	2408.1
Tension in jury strut	23.8	26.3

Omitting the last item from consideration the greatest difference is only 1.2%. This difference is largely due to technique and with practice can be reduced to 1% or less. In another instance the variation between analysis of a ring by theory and deformer was negligible.

A number of problems peculiar to airplane design suggest themselves as easily capable of exact analysis with the deformer, such as complex bulkheads in monocoque design, beams with variable moments of inertia subjected to combined loads, and redundant structures. Since secondary stresses are also adapted to deformer determination the wide range of analyses capable of solution make this mechanical means most useful.

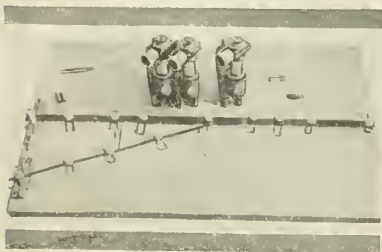


Figure 2. Typical setup showing two gauges, three micrometer microscopes and a model constructed of celluloid

## PAINT AND THE AIRPLANE

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finishes with a clear coating of fabric lacquer, somewhat similar to clear dope. This finish, however tends to crazing early, because a clear coating is not able to withstand the actinic rays of sun and weather as well as the pigmented finish.

Clear dope, followed first by an aluminum dope and then by a colored pigmented dope, rubbed and polished, makes a glossy, durable finish, much more durable, and many times more beautiful than the old type of finish. The ideal is a finish of great durability and good looks, requiring not more than two or three coats, every one of which add extra weight.

#### The Re-painting Problem

Re-painting a fabric surface has long been a problem with private owners. There is always the tangible threat of the Department of Commerce inspector, ready to condemn the ship whose finish and fabric are considered to have outlived their safe usage.

If the finish cracks or ringworms under stiff thumb pressure, or if it is dull, dry or chalky (with the fabric still tight) the old finish should be removed. But if the fabric on an old plane is too flabby, dope or varnish over the painted surface is a waste of time and money. The plane must be re-covered with new fabric and re-finished. There are numerous cases, however, where a new coat of dope has worked wonders on an old "dope" finish which still showed life. Frequently such a finish proves entirely satisfactory for several months, since the fabric is re-tautened and the appearance improved.

The practice of removing all paint and re-painting is becoming quite popular in small shops and with private owners. A wax-free paint and dope remover will uncover the original fabric which can then be re-finished and put in condition approximating newness. Done with care by an experienced man, the process is highly effective. Either in adding a coat of dope or paint, or in complete re-painting, the importance of clean surfaces should not be overlooked. Washing in gasoline and soap and water is advised, before applying new coats of finish.

Dope-proofing of metal parts which touch the fabric of a plane has been developed to a degree of perfection by the Army and Navy. Shellac and tinfoil are used and a type of cellophane tape has also proven satisfactory.

As to where this re-finishing work can and should be done, factory service men have their own ideas. Some believe that all paint jobs should be done in a factory, or at least in a large and well-equipped service depot. Others agree

that proper care even in the small hangar will produce good results.

While the job is in progress, humidity and drafts are the two conditions which must be carefully watched. If the temperature is too low, an orange peel effect may develop. Drafts and wet weather cause a lacquer finish to "blush," but a more careful adjustment of the quick-evaporating solvents in a lacquer usually prevents this.

Methods of controlling the temperature and humidity of the paint shop are well-known and present only physical problems. Highly-developed spray guns, good air hoses, compressors and regulators on the physical side are always available. The individual hangar having these requirements and utilizing high quality materials can turn out as good a paint job as the factory.

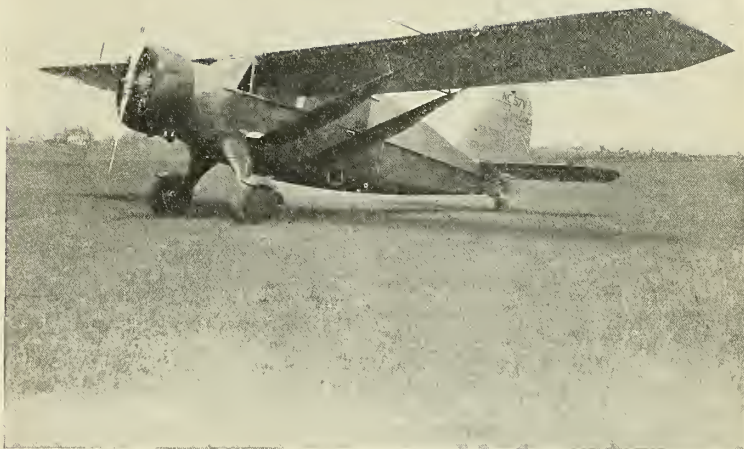
In factories, the canopy-type exhaust system is becoming standard. Plenty of unrestricted floor space and walls of air under pressure are likewise very desirable. A non-sparking fiber reduces the fire hazard, and well-designed racks facilitate the aircraft painting problem.

#### Production Methods

Quantity production methods have been attempted in such factories as Chance Vought, Curtiss, Stinson, Consolidated, Boeing and Douglas. Dipping of small parts, ribs and sections of sheet metal into the primer, handled in racks; spraying the finish on these parts in large numbers, held by racks, rods or hooks; and the use of convenient racks for large pieces of work, such as wings, are some of the efforts speeding up the job. In larger items of work, time limits have been set, as for example, two men may be limited to three hours to apply two coats of dope by brush, and to apply the tape to one wing panel; another man has 90 minutes to mask and spray three coats of dope on a fuselage; and two other men are given three hours to sand the aluminum pigmented dope on a fuselage, etc. Metal construction under quantity production conditions will probably force a complete change in the physical appearance and management of the paint room.

It has been found that so simple a thing as a waxed surface on a racing plane, will boost its top speed as much as four miles an hour, and this margin often separates a pilot from important records. The glassy finish, prevalent in commercial planes, applied to the racer, and then waxed and polished, approaches the absolute minimum in surface drag. Waxing and polishing have shown little effect in increasing the speed of low-priced commercial planes of average speeds. Careful owners, however, protect their finishes by a regular polishing routine.

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● In computing the capacity of any bearing, many factors apart from the bearing elements affect its capacity and life. These may entail load distribution, distortion of supporting element, fit of bearings on shafts or in housings, amount of continuous service, alignment of supports, expansion and contraction due to temperature changes, percentage of load relative to bearing capacity, lubrication, amount of foreign matter in bearing, accuracy of bearing parts, shafts and housing dimensions, and type of service (intermittent or continuous smooth or shock load).

Any of the above factors or a combination of them, may result in a bearing able to carry only a small percentage of its rated capacity, while in some cases loads several times the rated capacity can be carried. Most of these factors can be (and are) controlled, but attention to detail is necessary for the efficient and continued satisfactory operation of any bearing.

Quill bearings, high carrying capacity, radial, anti-friction bearings, require only slightly more space than an ordinary bushing. They consist of an inner and outer raceway, a full complement of rollers and hardened side plates or lips. The inner raceway may be a separate part or it may be a shaft, while the outer raceway may be either a separate part, the housing proper or the bore of some cooperating part. The rollers are of small diameter in proportion to the shaft diameter and of long length with respect to roller diameter.

## Carrying Capacity Formula

The carrying capacity of quill bearings depends upon the hardness of the bearing elements and the metallurgical details by which the hardness is secured. Bantam rollers have a hardness of from 56 to 60 Rockwell C, and the inner and outer raceways have a hardness of 60 or more.

The actual carrying capacity of the quill bearing as an assembly is obtained from formula I in which

$$R = \text{Rated safe load in pounds.}$$

$$S = \text{Speed of rotating member. (r.p.m.)}$$

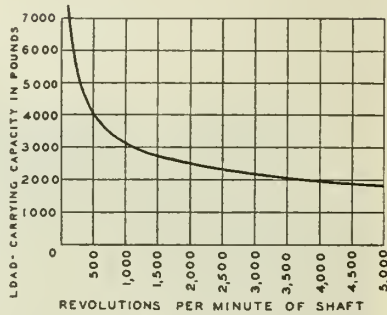


Fig. 1. Curve of rated load/speed

$$L = \text{Effective length of one roller or row of rollers in inches (less chamfers, radii, etc.)}$$

$$PD = \text{Pitch diameter } D + d$$

$$N \times L \times d \times 10,000$$

$$R = \frac{\dots}{\sqrt{S}} \dots \dots \dots (I)$$

When the projected area is known, formula I can be evolved to

$$(D+d) \times L \times 31,416$$

$$R = \frac{\dots}{\sqrt{S}} \dots \dots \dots (II)$$

and to eliminate calculation, figure I may be used. Values taken from this chart multiplied by the projected area of the pitch diameter of the bearing in square inches, equals the rated safe bearing load; projected area being  $PD \times L$ . Where two or more rows of rollers are used, the area is the sum of all the effective roller lengths times  $PD$ .

Figure 2, based on the assumption that a reasonable roller size (See figure 3) be used for any given shaft diameter, (inasmuch as  $[D + d]$  in formula II consists of two variables) gives the load carrying capacity of one roller per inch of length. In using this chart the rated safe load of a bearing is:

$$R = N \times L \times F \dots \dots \dots (III)$$

where  $F$  is the factor for any given roller and given speed as taken from figure 2.

After obtaining the rated capacity above, multiply by the load factor, (figure 4) to obtain the actual capacity for

the assembly in view of the hardness of the raceways to be used.

To obtain maximum life as well as maximum carrying capacity, the raceway hardness should be increased above 60 C Rockwell. An increase in capacity will not be obtained, but the wear on the raceway will be correspondingly reduced. A raceway hardness of 65 C Rockwell and a load of 50% of carrying capacity shown in figure I will give exceptional life.

To adapt small diameter rollers to a given design, it must be remembered that oscillating motion and pure rotation require different conditions and ratios of roller lengths, shape of ends and clearances.

For oscillating motion of small arcs of travel ( $30^\circ$  or less either side of center) the roller can be of any diameter and the ratio of length to roller diameter anywhere between 3:1 and 10:1; the spherically ended-roller is preferable because of its superior operation and low cost. For oscillating motion where the swing is more than  $30^\circ$  either side of center, it should be considered as pure rotation. For calculating the load-carrying capacity under oscillation, a speed of 8 r.p.m. or a projected area factor of 15,000 lbs/sq. in. *maximum* is used.

## Proportions of Rollers

Except for short rollers with relatively large diameters and guided by lips for pure rotation, the roller length with spherical end should not be less than .125 the shaft diameter. Ratios of from 1:1 to 1:2 shaft diameter are preferable. Where ratios outside these limits are required by virtue of space and where the load capacity is not required, chamfered end rollers can be used, but must be confined in a definite track with close tolerances on roller length and distances between end rings or lips.

The determination of the proper roller diameter is a function of roller speed and numbers of rollers for a full complement. Where possible the quantity should be kept under 60 rollers per row. Roller speeds theoretically greater than 60,000 r.p.m. should be avoided, although successful applications have exceeded these values. Theoretical roller speed is obtained from the ratio of the shaft diameter to the roller diameter multiplied by the shaft speed in r.p.m. From these two factors can be determined the best roller diameter to use.

Roller length to roller diameter ratios of from 6:1 to 10:1 have been found

R.P.M. OF SHAFT

Roller Diameter	50	100	200	300	400	500	800	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	3500	4000	5000
1/16"	170	135	106	93.3	84.8	78.6	67.5	62.2	54.6	49.6	46.0	43.4	41.2	39.4	36.6
3/32"	254	202	180	139	127	118	101	93.3	81.8	74.8	69.0	64.8	61.6	59.0	54.7
1/8"	339	269	213	186	170	157	135	125	109	99.5	92.4	86.8	82.3	78.7	72.9
3/16"	468	403	320	280	254	236	201	187	164	148	138	130	123	118	109
7/32"	593	471	373	327	296	275	235	218	191	173	160	151	144	137	128
1/4"	878	537	426	373	339	314	268	250	218	198	184	173	164	157	148

Figure 2. Load-carrying capacities (in lbs.) for varying shaft speeds

DIAMETER	LENGTH	DIAMETER	LENGTH
.0623	.375	.2498	1.235
.0627	.395	.2500	1.250
.0623	.646	.2498	1.740
.0627	.666	.2502	1.750
.0935	.479	.3123	2.480
.0939	.489	.3125	2.500
.0935	.955	.3748	3.230
.0939	.975	.3750	3.250
.1248	.730	.4998	4.480
.1250	.750	.5000	4.500
.1580	1.000	.7498	6.480
.1582	1.015	.7500	6.500
.2180	.735	.9998	8.980
.2182	.755	1.0000	9.000
.1873	.990		
.1875	1.000		

Fig. 3. Dimensions of rollers

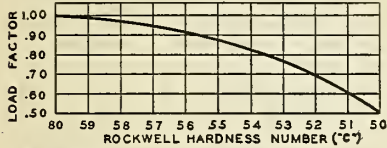


Fig. 4. Curve of hardness/load factor

highly desirable for rotative motion, and other factors being practical, attempts should be made to arrive at sizes falling within this range.

Figure 5 shows the types of ends used on quill type rollers and the effective lengths to be used in calculating the carrying capacity. The spherical end is preferable and any deviation from this involves additional cost and in some cases unsatisfactory performance. Conical and trunnion ends are used only to permit retainment prior to final assembly and use of these retainers complicates the design.

The following data shows how to determine approximately the proper number of quill rollers and clearances. Referring to figure 6, the various symbols, and their measurements in inches, used in formula IV are defined:

- $N$  = Number of rollers for a full complement bearings.
- $d$  = Diameter of rollers (high limit of actual size).
- $D$  = Diameter of shaft or OD of inner raceway.
- $K$  = Constant (Figure 7).
- $CC$  = Circumferential clearance on pitch diameter.
- $PD$  = Pitch diameter of pitch circle of rollers (including circumferential clearance).
- $dc$  = Diametral clearance.
- $B$  = Bore or ID of outer raceway.
- $N$  (approx.) = 
$$\frac{(D \text{ approx.} + d) \times 3.1416}{d}$$
 (IV)

Having the approximate number of rollers  $N$ , the value of  $K$  for this number of rollers is obtained from figure 7 and this value is substituted in formula V.

The  $CC$  varies from an absolute minimum of .0001 per roller to more than one roller diameter. For oscillating motion, the  $CC$  can be kept toward the minimum,

but for rotation it must be increased with the number of rollers,  $\frac{1}{2}$  roller diameter for 20 rollers and  $\frac{9}{10}$  roller diameter for 50 rollers. The omission of one or more rollers from a full complement does not affect satisfactory performance of the bearing.

For oscillating motion and under some rotative conditions it is possible to have the rollers keystone in the outer raceway. Thus when the shaft or inner raceway is removed, the rollers drop by gravity and form their own arch (formula VII). This feature is a combination of  $CC$  roller diameter,  $dc$  and outer raceway bore diameter.

The formula for keystone is

$$X - d + CC < d, \text{ where}$$

$$X = PD \times \sin \frac{360^\circ}{N} \dots \dots \dots \text{(VII)}$$

Having determined the proper  $CC$ , the actual pitch diameter is obtained from

$$PD = K \times d + \frac{CC}{3.1416} \dots \dots \dots \text{(V)}$$

To obtain the shaft or inner raceway diameter

$$D = PD - d \dots \dots \dots \text{(VI)}$$

This gives the maximum shaft or inner raceway diameter and the tolerance used in manufacturing (usually .0005) should be subtracted from it to obtain the low limit  $D$ .

No. Rollers	Value K	No. Rollers	Value K
10	3.236036	51	18.243850
11	3.549500	52	18.581564
12	3.863689	53	16.879250
13	4.178586	54	17.199862
14	4.493978	55	17.517599
15	4.809773	56	17.835304
16	5.125839	57	18.152981
17	5.442316	58	18.470632
18	5.758710	59	18.788252
19	6.075626	60	19.105846
20	6.392435	61	19.427555
21	6.709479	62	19.744845
22	7.026733	63	20.062479
23	7.344090	64	20.380089
24	7.661074	65	20.697869
25	7.978935	66	21.015224
26	8.296853	67	21.336424
27	8.614006	68	21.654949
28	8.931192	69	21.972565
29	9.248982	70	22.290153
30	9.566632	71	22.607719
31	9.884511	72	22.925264
32	10.202520	73	23.242782
33	10.519702	74	23.560273
34	10.838034	75	23.883449
35	11.156268	76	24.201045
36	11.474469	77	24.518626
37	11.791250	78	24.836174
38	12.109316	79	25.153708
39	12.427348	80	25.471218
40	12.745348	81	25.788702
41	13.064441	82	26.106171
42	13.381251	83	26.423612
43	13.699154	84	26.741188
44	14.017024	85	27.058753
45	14.334862	86	27.383306
46	14.660235	87	27.700831
47	14.972682	88	28.018339
48	15.290520	89	28.335836
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Fig. 7. Values of "K"

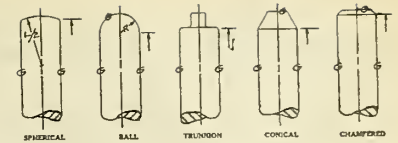


Fig. 5. Types of ends on quill-type rollers

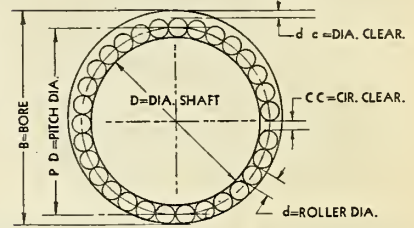


Fig. 6. Symbols for bearing calculations

The proper diametral clearance  $dc$  is of vital importance to the proper functioning of the complete bearing.

On shafts up to 2", the value of  $dc$  should be held from .0005" to .0015" (this does not include tolerance of the rollers, but includes the tolerance of the inner and outer raceways). In calculating, the high limit of the roller should be used.

The length of the raceways to accommodate the rollers should be nominal size +.015" to +.025", thus giving minimum endwise clearance of .015". Recommended tolerance on roller length is nominal size -.015".

For volume assembly in production, sub-assembly of rollers can be made in stockrooms and transferred to final assembly in sleeves or on dummy shafts. Grease, lacquer or paraffin can be sprayed on the sub-assembly when severe handling conditions are encountered.

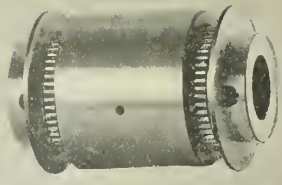
The retaining rings for end-wise movement of the rollers may be of several types, such as hardened and ground shoulders on the raceways, hardened and ground loose rings on the inner or outer raceway, rings pressed on the inner raceway or into the outer raceway, or they may be snap rings in grooves. Whatever method is used, the end retainment should be a hardened and ground surface.

In the case of split snap rings, the split should not exceed 20% of roller diameter and should have commercially square edges without burrs. Grinding or polishing after splitting is necessary. Round wire rings have been used but flat rings are desirable. The diametral clearance of end retainers over the raceways should be .010" minimum, but in all cases must be less than .25 of the roller diameter. Satisfactory hardened spring steel snap rings for this service have been developed.

Any lubrication applicable to anti-friction bearings is in general satisfac-

tory. Where heavy lubricants are used the minimum values of *CC* should be avoided, but excessive clearances for lubrication are not necessary. In some installations, indications are that lubricant used in the original installation might be sufficient for the life of the machine.

These quill bearings have the maximum carrying capacity possible for any given space and most of the 70 different styles and sizes of quill bearings produced are made to fit specific requirements since the bearing is directly adaptable to locations in which an anti-friction bearing cannot be installed, or as a replacement for a bushing or plain bearing which will not carry its imposed load. These quill bear-



One of the quill bearings used in control mechanism of the Vultee low-wing, single-engine transport

ings are used mainly as loose rollers because in this manner they attain the maximum carrying capacity and occupy minimum space in the assembly in which they are used.

## Digest of Technical Articles from Foreign Publications

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### Pterodactyl Tests

*Spinning of Pterodactyl Mark IV. Part I. Model Tests, A. V. Stephens and J. Cohen. Part II. Full Scale Tests, A. V. Stephens (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda—No. 1576 (Spin. 107, 138), February, 1933 (published July 6, 1934), 10 pp., 2 figs.*

SPINNING CHARACTERISTICS were investigated for a dynamical model of the Pterodactyl airplane which is controlled by large flaps on the wing tip functioning as elevators when moved together and as ailerons when operated differentially. Wind-tunnel results indicated that recovery from spins could be rapidly effected by means of the controlling flaps alone, but a very considerable force on the control column would be necessary. For full-scale tests the area of the rudders on the wing tips, which had been found ineffective, was doubled and two devices provided for assisting the pilot to move the stick forward. The most interesting result of the full-scale test was the spiral motion which was obtained with both controlling flaps fully up.

*Experiments on the Westland-Hill Pterodactyl, Mark IV. Part I. Experiments on a 1/5 Scale Model, A. S. Batson. Part II. Full Scale Tests, J. E. Serby. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1577, January 5, 1931 (published August 2, 1934), 19 pp., 21 figs.*

THE OBJECT of these experiments was to compare results of a one-fifth-scale model with those previously obtained with a one-sixteenth-scale model and to coordinate them with full-scale test results. Effects of rudders of two different sizes fitted to the wing tips and of various modifications were determined. The design from a performance point of view was good, the very low minimum drag achieved by its clean body

and undercarriage lines giving good top speed and climb although the stalling speed was high, due to its poor maximum lift coefficient. General stability and control were fairly good, although the anticipated lateral stability at stall had not been realized. The worst feature was the bad take-off involving a run of 250 yards.

### Aluminum Blistering

*The Blister Formation in the Heat Treatment of Refined Aluminum Alloys (Die Blasenbildung bei der Waermebehandlung verguetbarer Aluminiumlegierungen), W. Gatzek. Luftfahrtforschung, Vol. 11, No. 3, August 18, 1934, pp. 65-73, 24 figs. Bibliography.*

IN THE 1200 heat tests undertaken for this report, it was found that with those in Argon, where no outside effects were possible, blistering of the aluminum did not occur, nor did it in the case of salt baths after the sheet had previously been annealed in high vacuum. The author attributes blistering primarily to the free hydrogen contained in the aluminum and to small impurities. He points out that at the higher temperatures for the hydrogen and metallic compounds there is built up a gaseous compound on the surface of the sheet if the speed of formation is sufficient. He considers this speed important to blistering, assuming that in high vacuum, the dissipation speed of the hydrogen must be essentially greater than the formation speed of the metallic-hydrogen combination. He believes that, as far as possible, the absorption of hydrogen should be eliminated in the production from the raw material and in casting by doing away with moisture or steam in the furnaces, and recommends that the heat treatment take place in an electric furnace.

*Report of the Deutsche Versuchsanstalt fuer Luftfahrt.*

### Duralumin in Shear

*Behavior of Light Sheet Metal Strips with Circular Flange-Edged Holes under Shearing Stress (Ueber das Verhalten von Leichtmetallblechstreifen mit kreisrunden randgeboerdelten Lochern bei Schubbeanspruchung). Luftfahrtforschung, Vol. 11, No. 3, August 18, 1934, pp. 74-85, 20 figs.*

THE EFFECT of circular flange-edged holes in duralumin sheet strips subjected to a shearing stress was investigated for this report. Questions are discussed with regard to the load in shear at which the sheet will break, the form which the sheet must retain to resist as high as possible a shearing load, and the amount of displacement in the slope from the load below the point of rupture. For each sheet width, thickness and form of flanging, an efficient hole spacing and the corresponding breaking load in shear are given. Comparison with the unflanged sheets indicates that the breaking load as well as the displacement increased with flanging. For thin wide sheets, due to the strengthening effect of the flanging, the breaking load was even greater than in solid sheets.

### Catapults

*Operation of the Catapult (L'impiego delle catapulte), G. A. C. Gustosa. Rivista Aeronautica, Vol. 10, No. 7, July, 1934, pp. 49-84, 21 figs.*

CATAPULTS FOR the take-off of either land or seaplanes from the decks of ships and from landing fields are described. The author makes a chronological survey of the development and refers to modern types of catapults using compressed air. He takes up the facilities for projecting such a weight as an airplane and derives the velocity of projection, length of the runways, value of the acceleration during projection, force of inertia produced in some parts of the air, strength of the equipment for this particular pressure, and the incidence of the wing necessary in order to insure its stability in the air.

### Altitude Measurements

*The Evaluation and Control of Altitudes in regard to Altitude Records (Evaluation et contrôle des altitudes en vue des records), P. Berger. L'Aéronautique (L'Aérotechnique supplement), Vol. 16, No. 183, August, 1934, pp. 65-69, 1 fig.*

THE METHOD employed by the F.A.I. since 1920 for evaluating altitude records is discussed and research undertaken to find a better method is described. The author believes that altitude determined with the aid of the specific gravity of the air at the highest point of the trajectory gives as good results as that obtained by the F.A.I. method and recommends that, where density of the air is the criterion, the barometric formula be used in place of standard atmosphere for calculating sport records.

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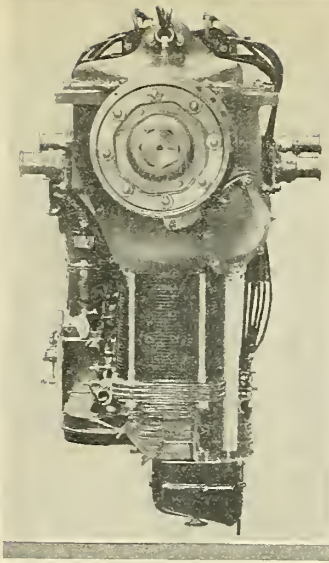


# The deHavilland

● Following the successful termination of its official Air Ministry tests, the new de Havilland Gipsy-Six has been placed into quantity production at the deHavilland Aircraft Company's plant, Edgware, Middlesex, England. Tests have revealed that with the engine operating at 2350 r.p.m. a maximum output of 205 h.p. is obtainable, while at 2100 r.p.m. (the normal speed) a horsepower output of 184 is available.

The new engine is similar to the 130 h.p. Gipsy Major, except that it has six cylinders instead of four. Like its counterpart, it is an air-cooled, inverted, in-line engine with many of its component parts interchangeable with the Major, particularly cylinders, valves, valve gears, pistons, rings, gudgeon pins, connecting rods and big ends. With a total weight of 432 pounds (including the propeller boss, fuel pumps and cowling, but minus starter or generator) the Gipsy-Six, at its maximum performance, has a weight of 2.11 lbs. per h.p.

Alternative air inlets prevent freezing at cruising speeds and yet allow ingress of air to the engine at the relatively low temperatures needed to secure highest efficiency at full throttle. With the throttle in the cruising position the cold air inlet is closed and warm air enters, through a flame-trap, from the vicinity of the crankcase. This gives smoothness and economy in running. Maximum output, however, would be impaired by the resistance of a flame-trap and high induction temperature; when the throttle is fully open, therefore, a valve cuts off communication between the flame trap and the carburetor and at the same time opens a duct communicating with the slip-



stream through an ordinary air intake.

Provision is made on the rear wall of the crankcase for attachment of a six-volt electrical starting unit. The closing of a contact in the cockpit engages the starter unit with a dog on the rear end of the crankshaft, and an electric motor rotates the engine through gearing at a speed sufficient to insure quick starting under all conditions. As soon as the engine fires, the dog coupling automatically disengages. An electrically-operated inertia starter may be fitted if preferred.

The six-throw crankshaft rotates in eight steel-backed main bearings. Its center line is located some distance below the joint for the top cover, providing a deep stiff crankcase. All auxiliaries as well as the camshaft are driven from a gear wheel mounted on the front end of the

# Gipsy-Six Engine

crankshaft immediately behind the propeller thrust bearing. This is the steadiest point in the propeller-crankshaft system and provides the smoothest drive for the accessories.

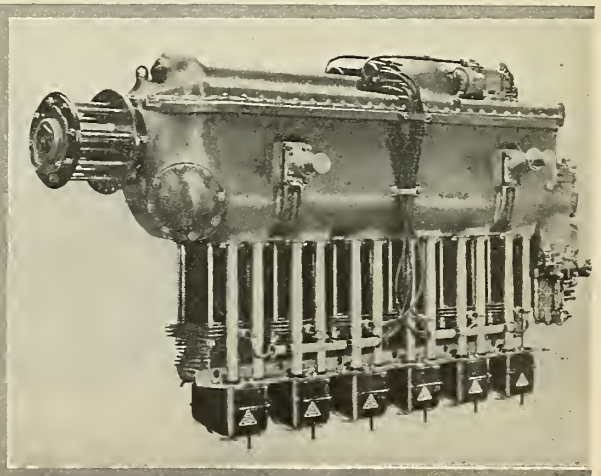
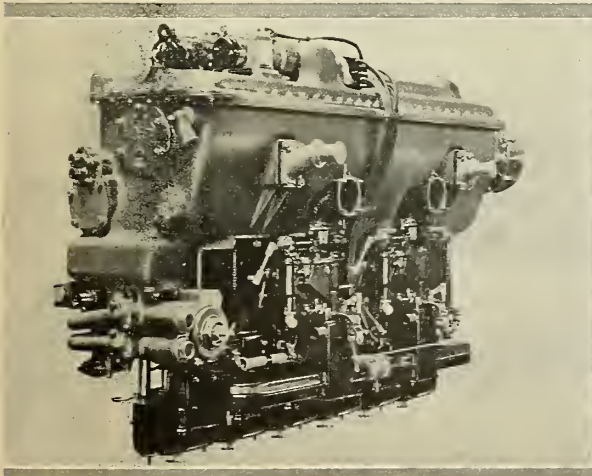
Dual ignition is provided by two six-cylinder magnetos mounted with their separate distributors on the crankcase top cover. The arrangement is compact and accessible. The magnetos with distributors are advanced and retarded in unison by a single automatic timing device in the driving shaft. To facilitate starting, an impulse starter is fitted to each magneto. Two fuel pumps, either of which is capable of supplying fuel to the carburetors in excess of the maximum engine requirements, are fitted to the engine.

A gear-type pressure pump supplies oil at 40-44 lbs./sq. in., to the engine through a filter. Except for the pipe lines to and from the oil tank, there is no external pipe-work on the engine. Two scavenge pumps are arranged to drain the engine of any surplus oil whatever the condition of flight. The suction sides of the scavenge pumps are protected by gauze filters.

Four "Gipsy-Six" engines provide power in the new D. H. 86 transport biplane which has been built to the order of Imperial Airways. One of the engines has also been installed in a "Leopard Moth" light cabin monoplane, with notable results in increased speed.

### Specifications

Bore .....	4.646 inches
Stroke .....	5.512 inches
Displacement .....	560.6 cubic inches
Normal output (2100 r.p.m.) .....	184 b.h.p.
Maximum output (2350 r.p.m.) .....	205 b.h.p.
Compression ratio .....	5.25:1
Fuel consumption at 2350 r.p.m. ....	15 gal./hr.



The deHavilland Gipsy-Six inverted engine which delivers 205 h.p. at 2350 r.p.m.

# The deHavilland "Comet" MacRobertson Racer

● The twin-engined deHavilland *Comet*, which took C. W. A. Scott and T. Campbell Black of England from Sussex, England to Melbourne, Australia in 71 hours to win the MacRobertson Race differs from anything previously built by the deHavilland Aircraft Co., Ltd. Three planes of this type were specially designed and specifically constructed for the long race. The other two were flown by James and Amy Mollison and by Cathcart Jones and Kenneth Waller.

Essentially, the *Comet* is a low-wing cantilever monoplane constructed entirely of wood, with a retractable landing gear, wing flaps, and two Special Gipsy Six engines, with controllable pitch propellers.

Stressed skin construction has been used extensively because spars of a depth which could be housed in the thin wing-section used, would not have provided sufficient strength. To obtain the necessary strength the wing covering was disposed so as to reinforce the spars and the system finally adopted was one in which some of the members, having the appearance of orthodox wing spars and of box-section construction are used for taking the shear loads and for transmitting the loads to the covering. Bending and torsional loads are taken by the skin which is in the form of a spruce planking laid on similar to the "double-diagonal" planking used in boats. There is an inner and an outer layer, each composed of spruce strips which cross each other at approximately right angles. Where stresses are high the thickness of the skin is reinforced by a third and sometimes a fourth layer. In some places the layers reach a thickness of more than half an inch, while at other places, where the loads are small, the planking is only about  $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick. The wing is built-up of wood ribs, longitudinal stringers and three box spars.

Somewhat similar construction has been adopted for the clean streamline-shaped, wood monocoque fuselage with four longerons and a built-up transverse bulkheads. The top and bottom of the fuselage have a double curvature, and are planked with spruce strips similarly to the wing, while the nose and tail fairings are of sheet Electron. Its maximum cross-sectional area has been kept to a minimum which would house the crew, and the cockpit is placed well aft, increasing the fuselage depth slightly behind the cockpit and using a sloping windshield. The cantilever stabilizer is built-up of wood sections which pass through the fuselage while the wood fin is bolted to the sternpost and bulkhead immediately in front.

Sheet metal fillets are used at the junction of the wing and fuselage and on the tail where they are used to fair the fin surface into the fuselage and stabilizer surface. The rudder extends down to the top of the fuselage. To reduce skin friction, wings and fuselage have been treated with several coats of paint, each being rubbed down between applications.

## Cockpit and Control Surfaces

The cockpit, with a transparent roof has accommodations for two people in tandem, with a stick control for each. The instrument panel is visible to both pilots. A wheel to the right of the front seat operates the landing gear and on the left is the lever for the flaps. Wheel brakes are connected to the rudder bar.

Control surfaces are of the usual form, with a type of Frise aileron operated by the deHavilland differential method. Ailerons are mass-balanced by lead distributed along the leading edge of the aileron, and servo-control mechanism is

used for control of the horn-and mass-balanced rudder and elevators, the latter also being provided with a spring-loaded trimming device.

The retractable landing gear wheels are drawn up and housed in the engine nacelles each of which has in its aft end an oil tank for almost 7 gallons of oil. Mudguards not only prevent stones and other foreign particles from flying into the propellers, but also form a streamlined bottom part of the nacelles when the wheels are retracted. The landing gear has a tread of 9 feet 8 inches.

The flaps are of the split trailing edge type installed under the central trailing edge portion of the wing and extending from one nacelle to the other. They are operated by torque tube and levers, and when closed, fit snugly against the main wing surface.

Three fuel tanks are provided, all housed in the fuselage. The nose section carries one of 128-Imperial gallons capacity; another of 110-Imperial gallons capacity is forward of the cockpit while the third of 20-Imperial gallons capacity, aft of the cockpit, is also used for trimming purposes. As fuel is consumed, the forward tank begins to empty, and to keep the machine from being tail-heavy a small quantity is taken from the rear tank, which is further from the c. g.

Engine mountings and undercarriage attachments are the only metal structural parts in the plane. Welded steel tube construction is used for the former and the undercarriage wheels are carried on steel forks with telescopic members.

The deHavilland engines are of the six-cylinder-in-line, inverted, air-cooled, direct drive type, especially modified from the standard Gipsy Six which has a maximum output of 205 h.p., at 2350 r.p.m. and a normal output of 184 h.p. at 2100



One of the three deHavilland "Comet" racers flown in the MacRobertson Race last month

Wide World Photo

r.p.m. Alterations made specifically for the race have given increased power output, decreased fuel consumption and reduced drag. In their modified form the engines develop, on the bench, a maximum of 224 h.p., at 2400 r.p.m. at sea level, while at 10,000 feet, maximum output is 160 h.p., at 2250 r.p.m. with fuel consumption at 0.48 lb./h.p./hr. Compression ratio has been increased from the standard figure of 5.25:1 to 6.5:1. To take advantage of the controllable pitch propeller which was used, the normal engine-speed was increased to 2350 r.p.m. Use of this type of propeller has necessitated a new crankshaft with an appropriate hub fixing at the front end and the provision of a temporary oil supply at a pressure of 100 lbs./sq. in., to actuate the blades, this supply being obtained from the usual engine pumps through duplicate

oil relief valves. A coupling is provided at the rear of the crankshaft for driving a rotary vacuum pump to operate the Sperry directional giro. By modifying the valve rocker gear and its casings, the overall height of the engine has been reduced and the shape of the cowling improved, while the alteration of the induction manifolds and the use of a smaller scoop for the cooling air, has decreased the overall width of the engine. The standard arrangement of the alternative hot or cold air supply for the carburetors is retained, and warm air (if required) is taken through the flame trap from the vicinity of the cylinders.

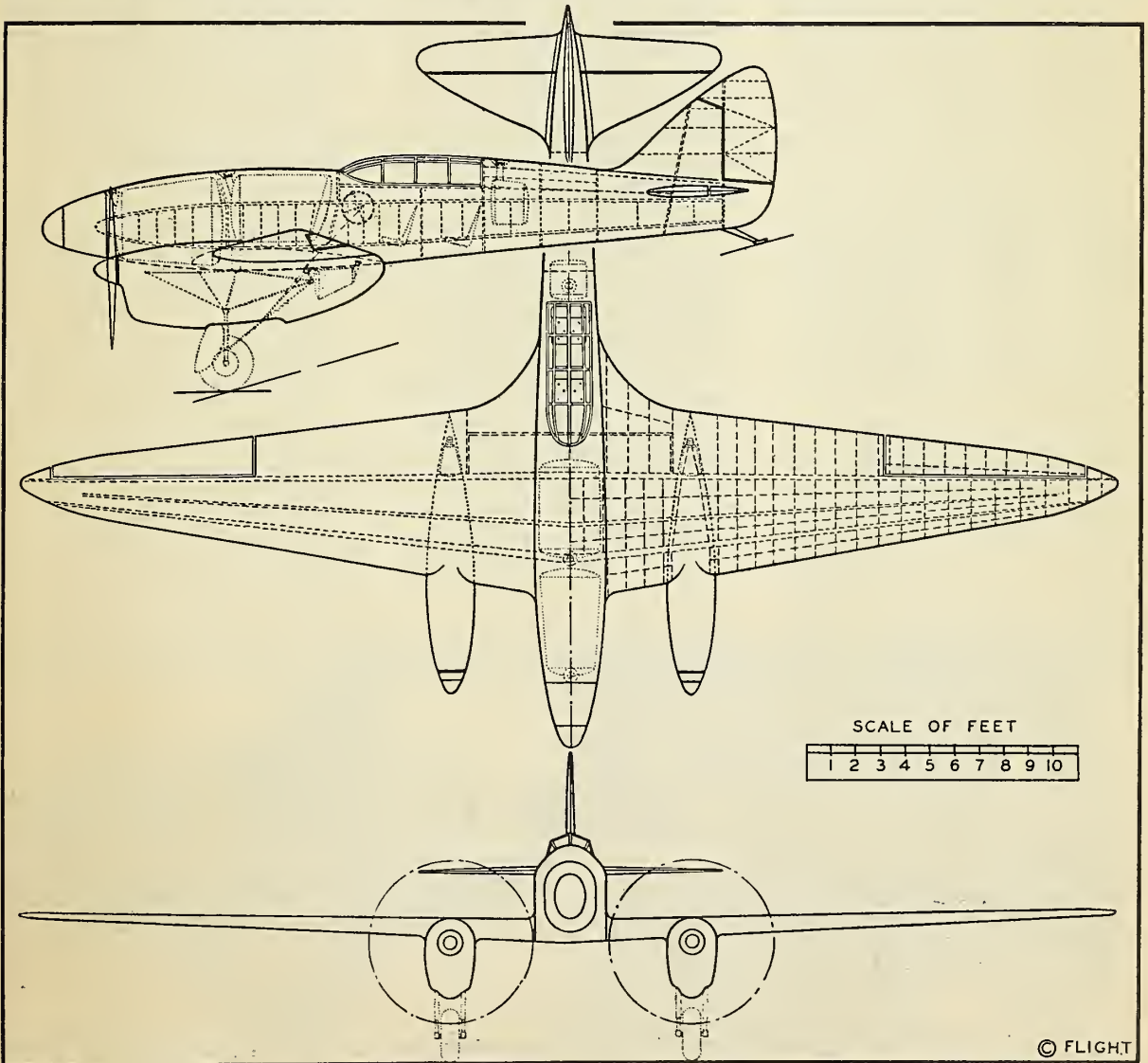
While complete performance figures are not yet available, flight tests showed that the *Comet* attained a speed of 235 miles per hour at an altitude of 1,000 feet and made 225 miles per hour at 10,000 feet.

**Specifications of the deHavilland "Comet"**

Wing span .....	44 feet
Empennage span.....	12 feet 7 inches
Overall height .....	9 feet 3 inches
Overall length .....	29 feet
Wing loading .....	24.7 lbs./sq. ft.
Power loading.....	11.8 lbs./h.p.
Fuel capacity (Imp. gallons).....	258 gallons
Oil capacity (Imp. gallons).....	13.8 gallons
Gross weight .....	5250 pounds
Top speed (1,000 feet).....	235 m.p.h.
Top Speed (10,000 feet).....	225 m.p.h.
Range .....	2700 miles

**Areas (Square Feet)**

Wing area .....	212.5
Ailerons .....	24.2
Stabilizer .....	11.3
Elevators .....	14.6
Fin .....	7.3
Rudder .....	9.6



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Three-view outline scale drawings of the deHavilland "Comet," winner of the air race from London to Melbourne



## Eclipse Automatic Variable Pitch Propeller Hub

● With the advent of the controllable pitch propeller, performance in take-off, climb and cruising and top speeds were improved considerably because of the attainment of the maximum performance from the engine when it was most needed. Control of the pitch of the propeller was likened to gear shifting in automobiles and its action was by comparison the same. Further refinement and engineering advancements have brought the controllable pitch propeller to a high degree of efficiency so that the introduction of an automatic variable pitch propeller hub is a further indication of the advancement of the project and a step in aiding and fostering the airplane as a means of transportation for the private flier.

Faced with the basic problem of automatically altering the blade pitch to effect fulfillment of the varied requirements of all flying conditions, without external means of control, the engineers of the Eclipse Aviation Corp., of East Orange, N. J., finally evolved the Eclipse Automatic Variable Pitch Propeller Hub, upon which approved type certificate No. 456 has been granted by the Bureau of Air Commerce.

In the analysis of the problem in the preparation of the original design, several variable quantities were involved. These included input horsepower, air density, air speed and engine r.p.m., each bearing a relation to one another and combined, equalling propeller thrust or drawbar pull. Therefore, with the desired result being the maximum drawbar pull or thrust for a given set of conditions, it became evident that the fulfillment of these requirements necessitated the development

of a hub which would be so thrust-actuated that the most efficient blade pitches would be obtained for all flight maneuvers.

The general values of thrust are that it is greatest at full engine throttle when the air speed is lowest. Hence, when the engine is operating at full throttle, with the airplane stationary on chocks at zero speed, the maximum (or static) thrust is obtainable. Static thrust increases if the r.p.m. of the engine is advanced by the reduction of the pitch of the propeller blades. Therefore, with a hub in which the mechanism is thrust-actuated, the blade pitch is reduced at low speeds and the engine r.p.m. is increased to the maximum obtainable, resulting in shorter distance for take-offs and greater initial acceleration. Flight tests of the Eclipse hub have revealed an increase of 350 r.p.m. in the engine during the take-off compared with a fixed type propeller, and a decrease (in most cases) of 30% in take-off distance. Furthermore, the initial rate of climb has been found to be from 25% to 35% greater than could be obtained with a fixed pitch propeller.

As the air speed increases following take-off, thrust decreases, even though the propulsion efficiency becomes greater. Thus, as the air speed increases, the reduction of the thrust from the initial static thrust condition causes the blade pitch to become greater, meeting the condition of increased air speed without excessive engine r.p.m.

When cruising, thrust is diminished because of the reduction of input horsepower due to the throttling down of the engine, and in the efficient fulfillment of

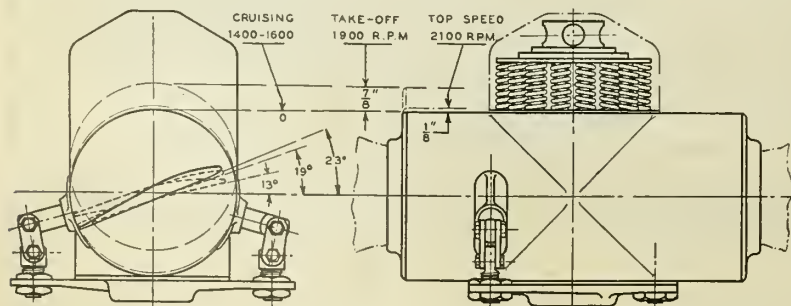
this condition of flight, the hub mechanism increases the blade pitch as the thrust is reduced thus diminishing fuel consumption in the cruising attitude. However, the blade pitch increase is greater than the air speed indicates, because the most satisfactory blade pitch angle for minimum fuel consumption for a given throttle setting is higher than for full throttle level flight at high air speed.

The maximum speed of the aircraft when utilizing the automatic variable pitch hub is not effected, because it primarily is a product of horsepower, provided the propeller tip speed is below the speed of sound and that the correct propeller diameter is used with engine r.p.m. in accordance with rated r.p.m.

The Eclipse hub employs only three principal moving parts—the hub and two blades. A linkage system is connected to an anchored back plate acting as a fixed fulcrum and serving to vary the blade pitch as the hub and blades move forward against a group of springs within the hub cap. Thus, high thrust puts a load on the springs, compressing them and causes a low blade pitch; as the thrust decreases, the load on the springs also decreases and the springs move the hub backward, increasing the pitch. A further reduction in thrust (as occurs in cruising) causes a still greater advancement in blade pitch. The correct slope or rate of change of pitch necessary to fulfill all flight maneuvers has been solved in the initial design of the linkage and springs, but in this connection it is important to note that the hub is adjustable so that it can be employed over a wide range of air speeds and with different engines.

The hub, which is interchangeable with conventional fixed pitch hubs, and the blades are installed in the same manner as fixed pitch propellers and it is complete within itself, requiring no external control connections. The standard cones and locking nuts can be utilized to fasten the propeller on the splined engine shaft. A further feature is the elimination of control-actuating mechanisms for the propeller in the pilot's cockpit. At the present time the hub is available for installation on the SAE No. 20 propeller shaft for engines up to 250 horsepower.

Being automatic, the Eclipse hub assures the selection of the most efficient pitch setting under all operating condi-



Diagrammatic sketch showing principle of operation of Eclipse automatic variable pitch propeller hub, and position of hub relative to original position in various flying conditions which compress the coil springs the distances indicated

## Airplane Design

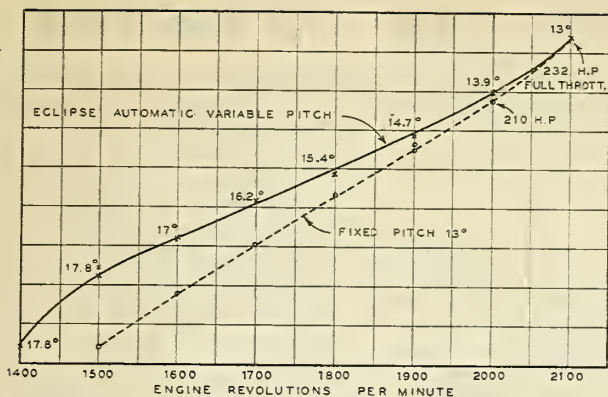
*Principles of the Airplane (Elementi del velivolo), A. Fiore. Dr. Giovanni Bardi, Editor, Tipografia del Senato, Rome 1934-XII, 209 pp., 380 figs.*

A TECHNICAL description of various types of airplanes and parts is given and is evidently intended for those with engineering training who would like to know something about the airplane. The author does not refer to the theory of flight but described wood and metal construction for the wings and fuselage, operation of the control surfaces, and the foreign and American shock absorbers, wheels and brakes in use. The largest part of the book deals with the engine-propeller group. Although saying nothing about the engines themselves, the author outlines methods of constructing and checking metal and wood propellers, devotes considerable space to the installation of accessories, fuel and oil lines, tanks, and fire extinguishers and takes up the design of different types of fuel pumps, radiators, and starters.

### Landing and Take-off Speeds

*Landing and Take-Off Speeds of Aeroplanes, R. S. Capon. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1594, January 19, 1934 (published September 14, 1934), 7 pp., 3 figs.*

THE EFFECT on the landing speed in relation to the height at which the airplane is stalled is considered and the possibility of taking off at speeds below the stalling speed is discussed. It is shown that if the whole weight of the airplane is borne by the undercarriage just prior to the pull-off, the take-off speed may be 13.5 per cent below the stalling speed (engine-on) or 8.5 per cent below when half the weight of the plane is airborne prior to the take-off.



Graph of flight performances of a plane equipped with an Eclipse propeller hub compared with a fixed pitch propeller

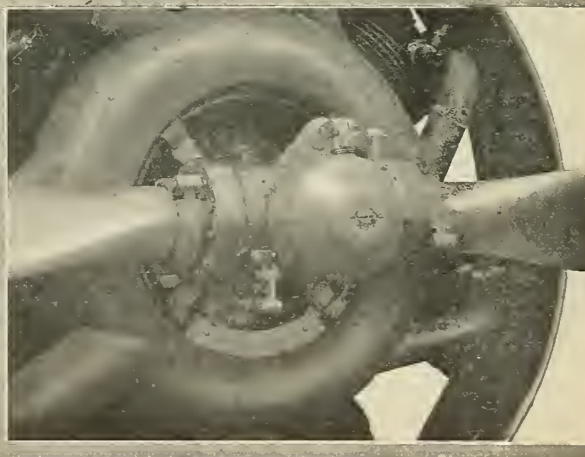
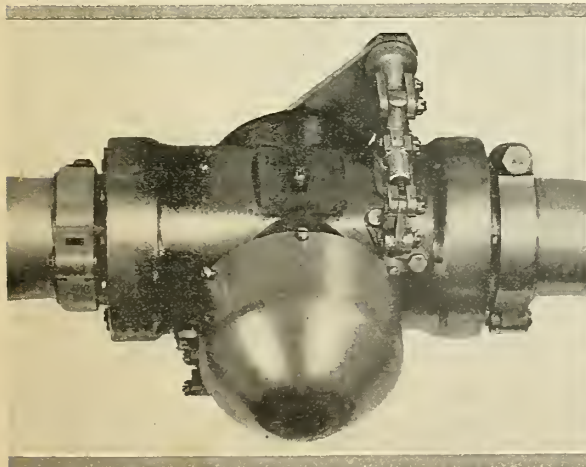
tions, and allows the pilot's attention to center upon other duties without giving consideration to the performance of the propeller. In military work this feature is advantageous, as it allows the pilot to concentrate on maneuvering his craft and operating the armament. Whether in a dive, roll, climb or straight-away flight, the military pilot using an automatic variable pitch hub is assured that the blade pitch is adjusted to the conditions as it finds them, providing the most efficient performance throughout the flight.

There are an unlimited number of pitch combinations, engine r.p.m., air speed and input horsepower for various conditions of flight, so that even for a given cruising condition, the pilot has many variables to consider in selecting the most satisfactory setting. In view of the different combinations obtainable, the pilot cannot be expected to know what the pitch should be in order that the air speed be highest, consistent with the best fuel consumption for a given throttle opening and altitude. The automatic feature of the Eclipse hub eliminates the necessity of relying upon human judgment and practically assures

the best performance under every operating condition.

A radial direct drive engine rated at 210 h.p. at 2,000 r.p.m., was used early this year for testing purposes. On the ground and equipped with a fixed propeller, the engine had a maximum r.p.m. of 1,780, the plane being held by chocks. In a comparable test, but using the automatic hub, the engine turned over at a maximum of 1,965 r.p.m.

With the fixed propeller, a full-throttle engine r.p.m. of 1,825 was obtained at the moment the plane left the ground after being held by brakes and then suddenly released. Under the same circumstances, but without the assistance of brakes, the engine turned up at 1,835 r.p.m. Similar tests with the Eclipse hub revealed in the first case an r.p.m. of 2,100 and in the second case a r.p.m. of 1,975. In all tests with the Eclipse hub, the initial pitch of the blades was set at 17.8° at a 42" radius. The accompanying diagram graphically illustrates the increased performance obtained with the new hub in comparative tests with a propeller of the fixed-pitch type.



Details of Eclipse automatic variable pitch propeller hub and its installation on a direct drive 210 h.p. engine

# . NEW EQUIPMENT and METHODS .

## Aircraft Wheel And Engine Tool

• AIR TRANSPORT Equipment, Inc., Roosevelt Field, Mineola, New York, has developed a new-type wheel which mounts size 950-12 and 1100-12 semi low-pressure tires. This wheel, called the Sem-lo, fits Bendix brake mechanism and a 2-3/16" axle, without change or adapters. According to Alex A. Pedu, president, it is equipped with a new-type graphited oil-less bearing and is stressed to take an airplane up to 3 tons weight.

The company is also manufacturing a new-type valve and spring depressor for Wasp and Hornet engines. The device was designed by Fred Powell and is convenient to field mechanics in removing the push rods of these engines.

## Radio Compass For Pilots

• A LONG-RANGE radio compass which its manufacturers claim enables itinerant pilots to find their way directly to any radio broadcast station has been developed by Westport Manufacturing Co., Glendale, Calif.

Called the automatic radio compass, the first unit for civil use was built for the Lockheed Vega being equipped by the American Lithuanian Trans-Atlantic Flight Association for a flight by Felix Waitkus from New York to Lithuania.

The installation consists of an indicating dial mounted in the cockpit, a conventional Westport aircraft radio receiver, a compass converter, a dynamotor, and a loop antenna mounted in the fuselage. The complete assembly including cables, weighs less than 45 pounds and the receiver and converter units measure 12 x 7 3/4 x 11 1/2 in., overall.

When within range, a pilot tunes in on a broadcast station by listening through the earphones in the customary manner. If the plane is headed directly toward a station, the indicator needle on the dial points to "zero." If the plane is off course, the needle points right or left as the case may be.

In addition to enabling the pilot to fly directly to a radio station, the radio compass gives a navigator the information he needs to locate his exact position. To do this, he tunes in several different stations, finds their direction, and by a system of triangulation determines the location of the plane.

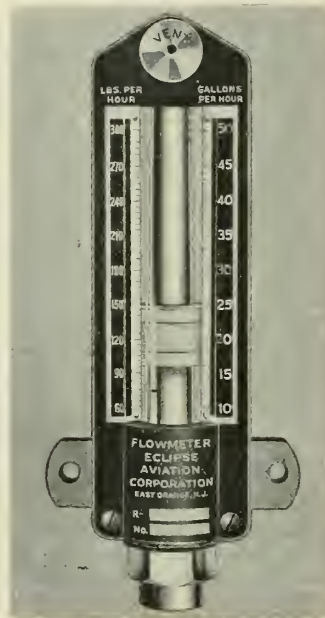
If the pilot desires, he may listen to the entertainment broadcast while he is using the station as an aid to navigation. If the plane is headed directly toward a station, the program is loud and clear. If the plane is off course, a buzzing note

comes through the earphones as a warning and the indicating needle swings right or left.

## Direct Reading Flowmeters

• DIRECT READING Flowmeters, developed by the Eclipse Aviation Corp., East Orange, N. J., as an accurate means of measuring instantaneous rate of flow of liquids in gallons or pounds per hour, are particularly adaptable for determining fuel consumption during internal combustion engine tests.

Employment of the Eclipse Flowmeter



Eclipse Flowmeter for aircraft

for determining fuel consumption during engine testing eliminates measuring or weighing of fuel and recording of the time required to consume. The instantaneous rate of flow in lbs. per hr., is indicated within an accuracy of 1% of scale reading and is unaffected by the viscosity of the liquid. Changes in fuel density affect the accuracy of the instrument by less than 0.25% for a variance of  $\pm 10\%$  from a mean fuel density.

By recording instantaneous rate of flow in lbs. per hr., variation in fuel consumption caused by adjustments made while operating, can be immediately noted.

Although the instruments are manufactured in several models and capacities, construction is basically the same, consisting of a tapered internal column and a colored float which moves upward

within a cylindrical glass tube as the rate of flow increases. The position of the upper surface of the float indicates on the scale markings, the lbs. per hr., rate of flow.

For general use, particularly in aircraft installations, two scales are provided—from 60-300 pounds per hour and from 10-50 gallons per hour. The scale markings on the latter are based upon average fuel density equal to that of commonly used aviation gasoline. For accurate results, the gallons per hour scale should not be depended upon unless correction is made for the specific gravity of the liquid being measured, as the instrument measures mass flow.

Calibration does not depend upon springs and there is only one moving part—the float. Liquid entering the unit's lower end passes upward between the inside diameter of the float and the tapered internal column. As the flow increases, the float moves upward, visible within the cylindrical glass tube. The specific gravity of the float is such that it is easily lifted and thus the loss of head by the introduction of the Flowmeter in the fuel supply line is negligible.

In certain models, liquid leaves the instrument by passing downward through the center of the internal column. In other models, (large capacity) liquid passes from the upper end of the unit downward through an external tube which is made flexible to preclude the possibility of damage to the cylindrical glass tube because of the differences in their coefficient of expansion.

In the upper end there is a vent screw for relieving air locks which may develop during the initial priming of the fuel supply system or because of fuel shortage. Under normal operating conditions, the fuel velocity is sufficient to carry away any air bubbles released from the fuel.

The engine testing model, which records rate of flow from 50-600 lbs. per hr., has in the lower housing a strainer to prevent the entrance of foreign particles.

One of the models available is equipped with illuminated, enlarged scale readings (from 160-400 lbs. per hr.) for remote observation and is particularly adaptable for installation in outboard engine nacelles.

Installation of the Flowmeter is simple, including only mounting of the unit in an upright position and locating the Flowmeter in the fuel supply line so that formation of air locks is minimized. In measuring gravity flow, the fuel supply must be above the Flowmeter so that sufficient head will be created. However, there is no measured change of accuracy because of variance of pressure head on the instrument.

## Sanding Machine

• A UNIQUE sanding and polishing machine designed for industrial use and weighing 7 pounds while operating on 70 or more pounds of compressed air, (using 6 cu. ft. of air per minute) is being marketed by the Sterling Products Co. of Detroit and Los Angeles.

Called the Speed-Bloc Sander, the machine uses an oscillating or reciprocal motion. The stroke travel of the abrasive pad is  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", at the rate of between 2,500 and 3,000 oscillations per minute. The pad moves back and forth with the same motion as in hand sanding, hence it does not leave a graining or chasing in the surface.

The pad device, which carries the abrasive paper is made of rubber and felt and bridged so that it is fully flexible, making it applicable to convex or concave surfaces, along mouldings and in places difficult to sand.

Due to its light weight and small size, being  $7\frac{3}{4}$ " $\times$  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " $\times$  $3\frac{3}{4}$ ", it can be used on all types of work. It is also fitted with a water connection making it available for wet or dry sanding.

The motor is sealed in an aluminum case, protecting it from abrasive dust and water. Several sheets of abrasive may be attached to the pad at one loading, a heavier mesh being usable to speed production.

## Fabric Rejuvenator

• GLIDAIR FABRICOTE is a rejuvenator of cracked or checked aircraft fabric which eliminates the necessity of removing the old finish to bring the covering back to its proper tautness. It softens the finish, causes the cracks and checks to amalgamate, tautens the fabric and forms a good foundation for the application of the final finish coats.

After the plane is thoroughly cleansed of dirt and wax, three coats of Fabricote are sprayed on the fabric, the last being left on until the fabric seems to go slack and the cracks and checks have disappeared. The pigmented dope is then applied.

The rejuvenator is manufactured by the Glidden Manufacturing Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

## Washers For Aircraft

• A COMPLETE line of washers, especially adapted for the aircraft industry has been added by Wrought Washer Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Following U. S. Army and Navy standards, these washers can be obtained in wrought iron or steel, stainless or

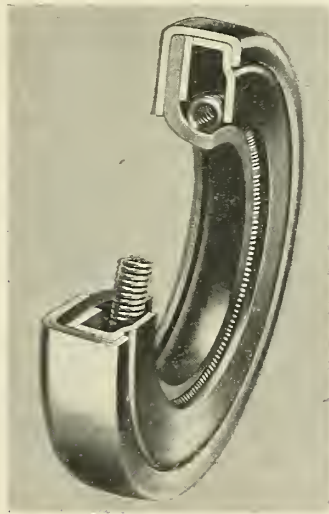
tinned steel, brass, copper, aluminum, or aluminum alloy.

Eight large pattern washers in bolt sizes ranging from #10 to  $\frac{5}{8}$ ", are included in the line conforming to government standard AN970, while 15 small pattern washers in bolt sizes from #3 to 1", conform to AN960.

## Fluid and Oil Seal

• AN OIL and grease seal, known as type BB, for application to all types of machinery embodying shafts, has just been developed by National Motor Bearing Co., Oakland, Calif.

The seal, which completely excludes extraneous matter and provides positive imprisonment of oil, grease and fluids, consists of an outer steel case which permanently locks the seal assembly.



National oil and grease seal

The outer case has a pressfit accuracy of  $\pm .002$ " tolerance on the diameter and an equalizing annular garter spring within the case provides uniformly continuous contact, pressing against the sealing member at all points circumferentially.

The actual sealing member contacting the moving shaft is made of various materials, usually a processed leather, to suit various conditions such as temperature, peripheral speeds, unbalanced pressures and chemical activity. Saetan, a new type of leather, is the most popular used.

All types of machinery, particularly motors and engines, are adaptable to the new seal, eliminating the need of stuffing boxes, labyrinths and other baffling means.

Applicable to aircraft engines, the new seal is used on the superchargers of Kinner products.

## Long-Stroke Drawing Press

• THE INCREASING use of new streamlined products is demanding facilities for deeper drawing operations than many existing press equipment are capable of handling and the Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Co., of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, has endeavored to meet this requirement by developing a long-stroke press of their Hydro-Power Fastraverse class, equipped with synchronized-pressure die cushion.

The die cushion added to the hydro-power press fits it for performing deeper draws in single press operations. This cushion is actuated by a series of hydraulic cylinders which are hydraulically connected with the same source of pressure that operates the press itself. Thus the action of the die cushion is synchronized with press movements and pressure, the blank-holding pressure being proportioned to the drawing pressure.

The Hydro-Power Fastraverse Press including the die cushion is self-contained with direct-motor drive through the hydro-power unit, mounted on the press-head, and fitted with a complete system of controls for both press and die cushion.

The operator's press controls, including gauge, are conveniently grouped on the right hand press column, while the die cushion pressure regulator and gauge are located at the left.

## All-Metal Vacuum Switch

• A SMALL vacuum switch, designed to take advantage of the absence of an arc when breaking a circuit in a high vacuum, has been announced by the General Electric Co. Although this vacuum switch is about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long, and can be operated by a fraction of an ounce of pressure, it is capable of interrupting as much as 5 h.p. as fast as 30 times a second. Designated as the Type FA-6 vacuum switch, this device is rated 10 amperes, 250 volts d-c., or 440 volts a-c.

The switch is made of steel, hydrogen-copper-brazed and exhausted to a high vacuum through a hollow steel operating stem which passes into the vacuum contact chamber through a thin steel end-wall whose flexibility permits the slight motion necessary for operation of the contact. The leading-in wires to the contacts are sealed in glass beads inside Fernico alloy thimbles, inserted through the heavier opposite end-wall of the chamber, providing a sturdy and reliable gas-tight joint.

With this construction, the vacuum switch can be used in almost any location, including those subject to extreme shock and vibration.

## Oil and Grease Remover

• A NEW process for removing oil, grease, dirt, smut, etc., from metal and other surfaces is being marketed under the trade name "Magnusol" by the Magnus Chemical Co., Garwood, N. J.

Use of the new solvent is said to complete cleaning jobs in quicker time and with more satisfactory results than with other cleaning products. It can be used on motor blocks, chasses, machinery, in maintenance work or as a pre-cleaner for metal parts in the process of manufacture. It penetrates and places in an easily rinsable condition, all oil or grease smears, or stains resulting from them.

Small parts can be dipped in the solution, which can be used cold, but quicker cleaning is accomplished by a solution heated to 140° F. Larger parts can either be painted or sprayed, allowing the solution to penetrate. A pressure hose or a thorough rinse completes the process.

## Electric Screw Drivers

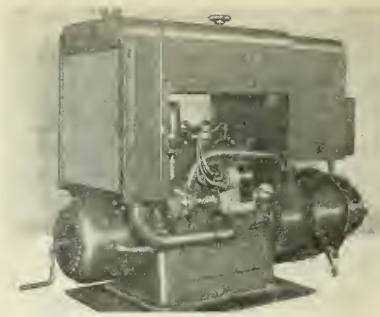
• THE CHICAGO Pneumatic Tool Co., New York, N. Y., has just designed a pistol grip hicycle electric screw driver and nut runner to fill the demand for a light weight, but powerful tool.

The heavy duty self-contained switch mounted in a saw type pistol grip handle is actuated by an inside trigger. The gears are of special heat-treated and hardened steel, while large oversized ball bearings are used throughout. All bearing and gears are grease lubricated and Zerk fittings are installed. Standard equipment includes two screw driver bits with or without finders or one socket wrench and 25 feet of conductor cable. The tool comes in three types which will drive #12 to #14 size screws and tighten bolts ranging from 3/16 to 1/4".

## Airways Beacon Power Plants

• THE MODERN airways beacon is automatically operated by electrical energy which is either generated by an internal combustion engine and generator located at the beacon or supplied by a passing power line. Since the greatest air line mileage is over sparsely settled country, and since beacons must be located on hills above obstructions, a majority are equipped with engine generator units.

When the first beacons were constructed the loads were of low enough wattage to fit the output of the then standard direct current farm light plants. This required DC equipment where plants were used and alternating current equipment on power lines. With the increasing demand for AC plants, such units were developed and are now used



Airways beacon engine generator set

on the latest installations, permitting standardizing equipment whether operated from gas electric sets or power lines.

The AC plants are designed for inherent good voltage regulation, thereby eliminating the necessity of using voltage regulators. Among present units this is accomplished by having the exciter and alternator windings in the same slots with the resultant exciter voltage rising as the AC load is applied, by having the plant speed increased as the AC load increases by means of an electrical series governor.

For maximum dependability two plants are always used in one beacon with the operation being alternated from night to night. In case of failure of one plant, either in starting or operation, the other unit automatically starts and carries the load until repairs are made.

The engine generator units automatically crank, start and carry the load as it becomes dark and then stop on return of daylight. The starting and stopping is controlled either by an astronomical clock or light sensitive device. The clock corrects for the change of sunrise and sunset during the seasons, while the light sensitive device is directly effected by the amount of light outdoors. The latter is coming into more general use as it takes care of the unusual conditions caused by a cloudy or bright sky.

The plant control, which is actuated by the clock or light sensitive device, goes through an automatic sequence to properly crank, choke, start and connect the plant to the load. It must be simple (to reduce the number of parts that may cause trouble) and at the same time properly perform its required functions and be highly dependable.

The 32-volt storage battery is usually used to provide the energy for cranking and operation of the control. Cranking is accomplished by running the generator as a motor on direct current units, or the exciter on alternating current units. Geared type starters are not generally employed because of their low cranking speeds and danger of gears sticking or clashing. The battery is kept charged by a small current from the generator or exciter as limited by an adjustable

resistor. Protection against complete discharge of the battery should the engine fail to start while cranking, is provided by a thermal device, which may be set to disconnect the unit after a predetermined cranking period.

Where units are used in locations of severe winter weather, they are equipped with thermostats and oil heaters to prevent the plant dropping below a set temperature and so result in difficult starting or freezing. The thermostat is located in the engine water jacket and its functions are to start the plant and heat the oil when the water temperature drops to approximately 40° F. The unit is allowed to run until the water reaches some preset hot temperature when it is again shut down. This control is arranged to operate independently of the load circuit so as not to interfere with normal operation.

The engines of these units are most important since they present numerous possibilities of trouble. There are valves, spark plugs, rings, carburetors, ignition and other essential parts all of which must properly function together. Speeds range from 900 to 1200 r.p.m. to provide good life, minimum vibration and reasonable size and cost. The engines are expected to operate for approximately two years without a complete overhaul, and construction must be such that minor adjustments are easily made without dismantling equipment or moving the unit. The oil pan is usually a large cast base with easily removable side plates for inspection of bearings or other running parts. The large oil capacity decreases the frequency of filling crankcase dilution, and also reduces the possibility of bearing trouble.

Fuel economy is an important feature. Not only do the engines operate a great number of hours but frequently the transportation of fuel to isolated units becomes a serious and costly problem. The operating cost of a poorly-designed inefficient plant is far more than a well-designed unit and amounts to more than the difference in initial cost of a better unit when a year's supply is considered. To obtain best economy the engine must be operated very near its full load rating. The fuel consumption for well designed air beacon plants of 2 to 5 kw. rating is approximately 9/10 of a quart of gasoline per kw. hour. A 500-gallon fuel tank is usually provided at the beacon.

Necessary attendance is partly provided by a neighboring farmer who each night observes whether the beacon functions and keeps it supplied with fuel and oil. A trained mechanic usually visits the unit at intervals of approximately two weeks to make a check and attend to minor adjustments. For major overhaul the unit is usually removed and taken to a district shop.



# • TRADE LITERATURE •

## Aircraft Fuel Pumps

### Tube Couplings

• BULLETIN 37 issued by the Parker Appliance Co., Cleveland, Ohio, is the first edition of a price list of tube couplings and associated equipment. Similar bulletins covering Parker valves and publications of the company's other products are being prepared.

In Bulletin 37, which contains 64 pages, is found a most exhaustive array of couplings and fittings, including flexible hose, manifolds and hose fittings. In addition there are tables and specifications of fittings, materials and combination fittings.

### Abrasive Wheels

• THE BAKELITE Corp., Bound Brook, N. J., has just issued a 24-page booklet titled "High Speed Abrasive Wheels Bonded with Bakelite Resinoid."

This booklet tells the story of the development of the abrasive wheel and interpolates the part Bakelite has played in making it a fast, productive tool. It narrates the work of grinding wheels and illustrates their application in various industries, including aircraft. Among their uses are grinding of camshafts and valve stems; sharpening or "gumming" saws; and for forming and sharpening high-speed tools and cutters.

### Molybdenum Facts

• THE FIRST issue of the Moly Matrix, a house organ published by the Climax Molybdenum Co., New York, N. Y., is full of interesting material concerning molybdenum. The publication is intended not only to provide information, but to call attention to molybdenum steels which possess outstanding qualities of strength and durability.

In the issue Volume I, Number 1, are items on molybdenum in steel and cast iron, data on where to buy and a report of the service facilities of the company.

### Siddeley Engines

• A 16-PAGE booklet, well illustrated and nicely put together, has been published by Armstrong Siddeley Motors, Ltd., of Coventry, England. It is a descriptive piece of literature relating complete and detailed facts concerning the line of Siddeley engines ranging from 80 to 800 horsepower.

Beginning with the Leopard 800-h.p. engine, the booklet gives leading constructional features and power curves of the Tiger III and IV, Panther VI and VII, Jaguar, Serval, Cheetah V and VI, Lynx, Mongoose, Genet Major and

Genet engines. The booklet's center section contains a diagram showing the Siddeley range and depicts various aircraft powered by these engines.

### Brass Die Castings

• PUBLISHED BY the Doehler Die Casting Co., of Toledo, Ohio, "Brass Die Castings with the Strength of Steel" is a simple booklet which states as tersely as possible, in illustrations and copy, what brass die castings are and what they will do.

Three alloys, found to meet practically all commercial requirements are described and illustrated. They are Brastil, Manganese Bronze and White Nickel Brass. Physical properties of all three are tabulated.

### Ball Bearings

• A NEW catalog on "Straight Roller Radial and Roller Thrust Bearings" has just been issued by Bantam Ball Bearing Co., South Bend, Ind., which contains a complete listing of sizes and a concise treatment of various types of straight roller bearings, radial and thrust.

A list of dimensions and capacities, both in metric and inch capacities is given for radial roller bearings, as well as the other types described. A table of speed factors, general modifications factors and a table on tolerances and fitting practices are included.

The catalog is well illustrated, showing various types of bearings covered. In addition, a number of line drawings are used to show various bearing mountings.

• A MOST inclusive and comprehensive catalog of aircraft fuel pumps is published in the new 100-page booklet distributed by the Romec Pump Co., Elyria, Ohio.

Containing general information, prints and specifications of fuel pumps and vacuum instrument pumps, it is a cross-section of the development of this necessary piece of equipment for the aircraft engine.

The history of the development of the fuel pump is especially interesting as is the general description of the operation, capacity and construction thereof.

Numerous line drawings show constructional and installation features of the various fuel pumps. Specifications of each pump, together with material and workmanship, detail and general requirements, methods of inspection and tests makes the publication an invaluable asset to the engine manufacturer and to the service and repair man.

### Niagara Tools and Machines

• BULLETIN NO. 71-E, containing descriptions and illustrations of machines and tools manufactured by the Niagara Machine & Tool Works, Buffalo, N. Y., is an interesting 32-page booklet containing some valuable information on the products included therein.

Among the machines illustrated are the power squaring shears in 14 different models, a gear clutch, inclinable press, punch press and rotary slitting shears. Accompanying each illustration of a power shear, is a table giving important constructional and output data of the machine.

# • REVIEW OF BOOKS •

## HANDBOOK OF AERONAUTICS

• PUBLISHED BY Isaac Pitman & Sons, Ltd., the new Handbook of Aeronautics is presented in two volumes.

Volume I, a compendium of the modern practice of aeronautical engineering, is the second and enlarged edition of a previous issue. The publication is printed under the authority of the Royal Aeronautical Society and provides, accurately and authoritatively, information which should be of every day use to the designer and builder of aircraft, and the aeronautical engineer. Containing eleven enlightening chapters, the book is most complete, including such topics as aerodynamics, materials, meteorology, instruments, construction and a chapter on gliders and sailplanes.

Volume II, by Andrew Swan, is on the

design and practice of aircraft engines. The information is classed under thirteen different headings for ease of reference. Included in the fourteen chapters is one on compression ignition engines and another on propellers, the latter the work of Capt. R. N. Liptrot.

## JUNIOR AIRCRAFT YEAR BOOK

• AN ATTRACTIVE volume of 250 pages, containing in condensed form the story of aviation in 1933 has been issued by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce under the title "Junior Aircraft Year Book for 1934."

The book contains most of the important chapters of the standard year book and has the three-view drawings of aircraft and two-view drawings of aircraft engines found in its larger counterpart.



## Boeing Transport Model 247-D

● Increased performance, better appearance, more comfort and new engines and propellers, are features of the new Boeing transport Model 247-D which recently completed flight tests at Seattle.

Structurally and in basic appearance, the new transport is similar to the 60 transports that have been flying the United Air Line route since 1933. However, the 247-D has larger engine nacelles, full N.A.C.A. cowls, a sloping windshield and cleaner streamlining.

Replacing the direct-drive P. & W. Wasps and two-bladed controllable pitch propellers used in the 247, the new transports have two geared 550 h.p. supercharged Wasps (a description of which appeared in *AERO DIGEST* for October) and three-bladed Hamilton Standard controllable pitch metal propellers. The en-

gines have a blower ratio of 12:1 and a propeller gear ratio of 3:2.

Cabin noise has been materially decreased by the use of new-type insulation in the passenger and pilot compartments, elimination of individual ventilators and reduction of propeller tip noise.

Greater passenger comfort has been provided for in the adoption of a hot air heating system, an improved ventilating system, and a new head rest on the adjustable reclining chairs. The hot air heating system maintains comfortable temperature at all altitudes, and the ventilating system completely changes the cabin air once every 45 seconds, by means of two fresh air intakes with ducts which distribute air along the cabin ceiling and two outlets at the base of the cabin walls.

Flush type rivets are used around the

leading edge of the stabilizer and wing which is the Boeing No. 106 section, having a 15-foot chord at the root and a mean aerodynamic chord of 144.10 inches. The elevator and rudder are of metal construction, fabric covered, rather than of all-metal construction as in the 247's. The trailing edge flap built into the rudder is of the divided type, with the top half acting as an aerodynamic balance and the lower half serving as a trimming flap.

Specifications and performance figures of the Model 247-D are as follows:

### Specifications

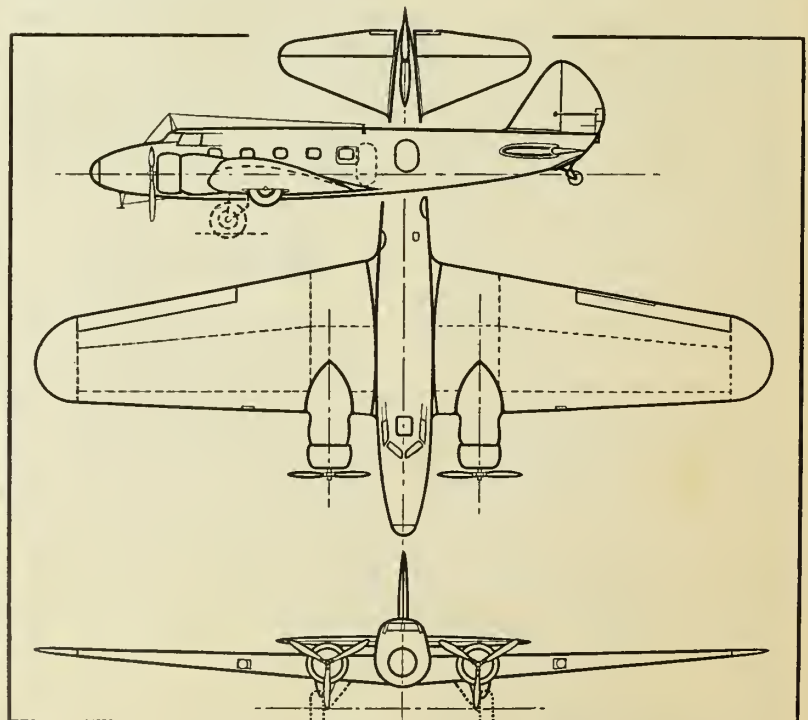
Length overall	51 feet 7 inches
Height overall	12 feet 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
Wing span	74 feet
Tail span	25 feet 6 inches
Wheel tread	17 feet 3 inches
Aileron span	16 feet 7 inches
Aileron chord aft of hinge	18 inches
Dihedral	3° 52'
Sweepback	0°
Wing loading	16.3 lbs./sq. ft.
Power loading	12.4 lbs./h.p.

### Areas (square feet)

Wing area including ailerons	836.13
Ailerons	60.8
Stabilizer	82.84
Elevators	47.66
Rudder	27.9
Fin	17.6

### Weights (pounds)

Weight empty	8,940
Useful load	4,710



Details and outlines of the newest Boeing 247-D, the type flown by Pangborn and Turner in the MacRobertson Race

Pilot and crew (2)..... 340  
 Fuel (273 gallons) ..... 1,638  
 Oil (20 gallons) ..... 150  
 Payload ..... 2,582  
 Gross weight ..... 13,650

**Performance (full load)**

Top speed at 8,000 ft.....200 m.p.h.  
 Cruising speed at 12,000 ft....189 m.p.h.  
 Cruising speed at 8,000 ft....180 m.p.h.  
 Landing speed (sea level).... 62 m.p.h.  
 Initial climb .....1,150 ft. per min.  
 Climb at 6,600 ft.....1,200 ft. per min.  
 Climb at 8,000 ft.....1,100 ft. per min.  
 Takeoff run (sea level)......925 feet  
 Takeoff time (sea level).....18 seconds  
 Range at 75% h.p. ....800 miles  
 Range at 62.5% h.p. ....900 miles  
 Service ceiling .....25,400 feet  
 Absolute ceiling .....27,200 feet  
 Absolute ceiling (one engine) 11,500 feet

Spain, assignor to Autogiro Co. (1,974,738)

Airplane wing structure. John E. Younger, Berkeley, Calif., assignor to Capelis Safety Airplane Corp., Oakland, Calif. (1,974,764)

Steering apparatus for aircraft. Fritz von Opel, Russelsheim - on - the - Main, Germany. (1,974,884)

Construction for aircraft. Albert B. Gardner, Racine, Wis. (1,975,098)

Aircraft. Frank W. McIntyre, Ocean Beach, Calif. (1,975,116)

Rotating wing aircraft. Thomas E. Moodie, Atlanta, Ga. (1,975,118)

Aircraft. Walter Rieseler and Walter Kreiser, Keyport, N. J., assignors to Edward B. Wilford, Philadelphia, Pa. (1,975,124)

Course recorder. Eric C. Sparling, Garden City, N. Y., assignor to Sperry Gyroscope Co. (1,975,180)

Gyroscopic instrument (horizon indicator). Harry D. Allen, Haywards, Calif. (1,975,442)

Gyroscopic apparatus. John P. Brown, London, England, assignor to P. B. Devinator, Ltd., same place. (1,975,740)

Camshaft drive for radial engines.

George W. Codrington, Lakewood, Ohio. (1,975,826)

Laminated body (fuselages, etc.) and method of making. William Harper, Jr., Port Washington, N. Y., assignor to Super-Marine Systems, Inc., New York, N. Y. (1,976,257)

Aviation marker. Edward C. Vrooman, Schenectady, N. Y., assignor to Locke Insulator Corp., Baltimore, Md. (1,976,378)

Combination fuel valve and tank release. Edmund L. Noonan, Dorchester, Mass., assignor to Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Buffalo, N. Y. (1,976,456)

Airfoil. Ralph D. Carleton, Snyder, and Raymond C. Blaylock, Kenmore, N. Y., assignors to Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co. (1,976,480)

Slot and flap combination. Edward R. Child, Tonowanda, N. Y., assignor to Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co. (1,976,482)

Stall indicator for airplanes. Macy O. Teeter, Hagerstown, Ind. (1,976,587)

Beacon and air current indicator. Oscar Werner, South Bend, Ind., assignor to Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. (1,976,706)

**Recent Patents**

The following patents of interest to readers of *AERO DIGEST* recently were issued from the United States Patent Office and compiled by R. E. Burnham, patent and trade-mark attorney, 511 Eleventh Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Propeller construction for aircraft. Willard P. Perry, Scudder Falls, N. J. (1,973,266)

Aircraft structure. Earl J. W. Ragsdale, Norristown, Pa., assignor to Edward G. Budd Mfg. Co., Philadelphia, Pa. (1,973,268)

Propeller (variable-pitch). Francis O'Brien, Framingham, Mass. (1,973,355)

Device for displaying flags and like on airplanes. Erich Pieper, Altona-on-the-Elbe, Germany. (1,973,389)

Screw propeller. Victor Lougheed, Washington, D. C. (1,973,573)

Propeller. James R. Ballard and Dewey P. Saucier, Shreveport, La. (1,973,598)

Take-off device for airplanes. William H. Wood, Toronto, Ont., Canada. (1,973,835)

Aerial banner. William A. Bohannon, Mineola, and Clara B. Gilbert, New York, N. Y. (7,974,039)

Airplane. Louis Cormona, Throop, Pa. (1,974,040)

Aircraft sustaining rotor. Agnew E. Larsen, Huntington Valley, Pa., assignor to Autogiro Co. (1,974,074)

Direction indicator. Elmer A. Sperry, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y., assignor to Sperry Gyroscope Co. (1,974,220)

Airfoil construction. George E. Barnhart, Pasadena, Calif. (1,974,407)

Landing gear. John S. Kean, Philadelphia, Pa. (1,974,424)

Means for launching aircraft. Robert H. Mayo, London, England. (1,974,684)

Rotative-winged aircraft and method of operation. Juan de la Cierva, Madrid,



**Niagara Two-Place Amphibion**

● Introduction of a two-place amphibion by Niagara Amphibious Aircraft Corp., Buffalo, N. Y., marks the entry of that company in the aviation field.

Known as the Niagara Amphibion, the plane features rugged construction, low cost and economical operation. The engine mount is arranged to take a power plant of from 60 to 100 horsepower.

The plywood hull is of semi-monocoque construction with either a closed or open cockpit. The retractable landing gear is simple in operation, carries 18 x 8 x 3 Goodyear wheels, with or without brakes, and has a tread of 56 inches. A new version of the Niagara Amphibion will have an all-metal hull and is intended for use in government service as a primary training ship and light craft for official business.

At present a 60-horsepower LeBlond engine is used. This power plant gives a top speed of 93 m.p.h., a cruising speed of 85 m.p.h., and a landing speed of 28

m.p.h. With full load, take-off is accomplished in a run of about 400 feet. With a 75 h.p. engine, a top speed of 112 m.p.h. is calculated, while the take-off run will be reduced to 250 feet. Fully loaded, the amphibion cruises 300 miles with 10 gallons of fuel and 3 gallons of oil. Economical operation is evidenced in a fuel consumption at the rate of a little more than three gallons an hour, which is equal to approximately 35 miles to the gallon.

**Specifications**

Wing span .....36 feet  
 Length .....24 feet 3 inches  
 Height to propeller center line..... 8 feet  
 Wing chord .....5 feet  
 Wing area including ailerons..... 180 sq. feet  
 Wing loading .....5.9 lbs./sq. ft.  
 Power loading (LeBlond 70)..15.7 lbs./h.p.  
 Power loading (Jacobs 55).....19.8 lbs/h.p.  
 Draft at chine, fully loaded..... 2.5 inches  
 Weight empty .....646 pounds  
 Weight gross (with LeBlond)..1039 pounds  
 Gasoline capacity .....10 gallons  
 Oil capacity ..... 3 gallons

# Personalities



● MAX HOLTZEM, who came to this country in 1928 and served for two years as test pilot with A. H. G. Fokker at Teterboro, was born in Germany in 1892, and for nineteen years lived the pleasant life of a German student. In time he might have become a brewer, a manufacturer of toys, or the fellow who played the big umpa-umpa horn in a German band—these being the most popular activities of the pre-war German. But in 1911 he decided to go in for aviation, which at that time was not regarded as a sane profession; in fact, even to this day there linger a few doubts about it. But in 1911 the Prussian Landcourt, which administered Max's estate, was convinced that he should be restrained, for it wrote a four-page decision declaring that none of his inheritance should be spent to make him into a "Luftschiffer" or into anything else connected with the navigation of the air. Similar decisions have been made by Surrogates in American Courts, and with equal lack of effect; for adventurous young men in all nations are much alike: they will do what they want to do, and the old judges may go chase themselves around the archives.

After completing his course in a Technical School in Cologne, Max Holtzem built his own airplane, a contraption patterned after Bleriot and Deperdussin designs with a Delfosse rotary engine. A minor difference was that the Bleriot and Deperdussin flew, more or less, while the Holtzem contented itself with rolling rapidly along the ground. The only time it ever got into the air was when it hit a bump and inadvertently rose an inch or so, returning almost instantly to the earth—a fact to which Max undoubtedly owes his life, for at that time he didn't know any more about test-flying than he did about designing.

In 1913 he entered the Imperial Army Air Force, learned to fly, and in early August of 1914 went to war with a Tauben Squadron through Luxemburg into France. The feeling of distrust, amounting in some instances to actual dislike, which the French and others gradually built up about the Germans, could in no way be attributed to the military activities of young Holtzem, which at first were of the most harmless and amusing variety. Seated in his old Taube, and armed only with a Very pistol used for

*by Caldwell*

signalling, he flew up and down the Front, admiring the peaceful countryside with the peasants still gathering their crops and the armies on both sides laughingly digging big holes in the ground and crawling into them hoping to go to sleep for the duration of the war. Occasionally—say once a week or so—Max would sight one of the enemy airmen, fly along beside him, and wave in a sporting and friendly way, and the enemy would wave back, all in the most kindly and affectionate manner. Once Max got a big piece of pipe, stuck his Very pistol down one end of it, and fired a harmless puff of smoke and flame toward one of the enemy pilots, who naturally thought he was being shot with a cannon. Even when Max explained the joke to him, by

pulling out the pistol and waving it with merry laughter, the Frenchman sulked a bit, and wouldn't play. Evidently he thought that was carrying a joke too far, pretending to shoot another pilot in a war.

This merry waggery might have continued indefinitely, so far as most of the pilots on both sides were concerned, but some keen merchant got the unhappy idea of taking up a revolver, and another inventive genius took up a shotgun and fired a charge of birdshot at one of the opposing team, hitting him. This was playing too rough, of course, so you can hardly blame the gent with the load of buckshot in him for going after that shot-gun joker with a machine gun. One thing led to another, and the first thing you know someone got killed; it was almost bound to happen, I suppose, after a few months, but it certainly spoiled the war for me; by the time I got there, in 1916, pilots on opposing teams were actually disliking each other and were taking pot shots before breakfast. Pilots like Richtofen and Rickenbacker and Bishop and Ball couldn't enjoy their bacon and eggs unless they had bagged at least an enemy student on his first flight over the lines. Personally, I never held with this practice, as being too uncultured, not to say actually plebian. I preferred to drop bombs at night, when I couldn't see what I was hitting; this gave the German soldier an equal sporting chance with the French or Belgian peasant, and I wouldn't be surprised if I bagged as many of the one as I did of the other. Nor, for that matter, would I be unduly startled or grieved to learn that I hadn't hit anyone at all. To me the war was just an amusing and distinctly foolish interlude in a placid existence and I never took it very seriously; it wasn't worth it, as time has proved.

After six pleasant and peaceful months, Max Holtzem was sent from the safety of the Front to the Pfalz aircraft factory and the more dangerous work of test-flying the early Pfalz pursuit planes, which were copies of the French Morane-Saulnier Gnome-engined parasol monoplane. In a dive they could be folded up like a parasol, hence the name Pfalz. During the last 15 months of the war Max was with a Bavarian Pursuit Squadron on the Western Front, where



Holtzem at Flanders in 1917

he brought down three planes. By this time, of course, both sides were taking the war seriously and getting rather nasty and unsporting about it all; so on Nov. 11, 1918, they decided to call it off, go back home, and spend the next 20 years preparing for the next war and avoiding payment for the last one. All had been battling for their national honor, only to learn that there was no such thing.

After the war Max went to South America, where he became a well-known figure in the aviation history of Argentina, instructing and passenger-flying. Then he formed a flying circus, being the first pilot in South America to transfer an acrobat from a plane to an automobile; a feat that was unequalled until the United States Government transferred several million pigs from the farms into a deficit in the National Treasury. After two years with Fokker, Max Holtzem went to Newport, R. I., as airport manager and flying instructor for two seasons, and then spent a season with Nyack Airways. He has become an American citizen and is now resting in the peaceful rural regions of New Jersey as a Sportsman Pilot, but would welcome the opportunity to become less sporting and more commercial if he could find a job. Some 15 millions of his fellow-citizens are in practically the same boat, so he needn't feel that his adopted country is slighting him.



● EVERY NOW and then one of the weird characters I associated with in the wild days of my youth comes tottering out to Fallen Arches, my Long Island retreat, to recall the days when both of us were damn good men riding high, wide and handsome on the stormy waves of life.

A recent visitor who drifted into the doldrums where I pass my declining years was John E. "Pink Whiskers" Whitbeck, who was born to delude me at Geneva, N. Y., on the nineteenth of March, 1889. He attended public and high schools at Phelps, N. Y., and took a three-year course in Mechanical Engineering at Colgate University, where he had several close shaves when it came to examinations and kept his instructors in a lather. However, he finally managed to brush through by the width of a whisker. But the experience definitely set him against not only close shaves but shaving, and from that time on he became a beaver.

For three years after graduation he served as an apprentice machinist in the shops of the Walker Steam Car Co., and the Maxwell-Briscoe Motor Co., Tarrytown, N. Y., then joined the Navy in 1911, transferring during the war to the Army Air Service, Aug. 16, 1915, from

which he resigned in 1920 with the rank of Captain.

During the war he was Chief Inspector for the Army at the Curtiss School at Newport News, with Captain Baldwin, then organizing a flight in April, 1918, to test the first of the Liberty-engined Bristol Fighters built at Buffalo. Knowing something about what an airplane was, he refused to go on with the tests and was threatened with court martial. He just blew fiercely through his whiskers and remarked that if the Germans wanted to kill American pilots that was their business, but that if the Army wanted him to kill American pilots they'd have to wait until he went over and enlisted in the German forces. Some one else then organized another test crew and many pilots were killed trying to fly the Bristol, which was designed for a 200 h.p. Sunbeam and into which our



He was worn out building airports—and then he lit a Camel!

enthusiastic engineers had hopefully inserted a 400 h.p. Liberty, which naturally pulled the job to pieces.

From 1920 to 1926 Whitbeck was Superintendent of the Eastern Division of the U. S. Air Mail Service (New York to Chicago). He helped light the airway and inaugurated the first night flying schedules. He owned and operated Hadley Airport, New Brunswick, N. J., which handled all air mail for New York City from 1924 to 1930. Then for two years, from 1927, he was Operations Manager and Chief Airport Engineer for Pan American Airways until their operations and maintenance organizations were completed. He has selected and made engineering plans for 37 major airports in this country and abroad, including Boston, Buffalo, Cleveland, Washington, Chicago, San Juan, Miami, Havana, Port au Prince, Belize and Nagasaki, Japan.

When Pink Whiskers drifted in recently it was the first time I had seen

him since early on the morning of Oct. 19, 1927, when he stood on a wharf at Key West, Florida, nervously shifting from one foot to the other and chewing distractedly on his beard while he watched me trying to induce an FC2 Fairchild to leap into the air with a heavy load of baggage and spare parts and with 376 pounds of United States Air Mail bound for furrin' parts—meaning Havana. There was a fairly stiff breeze blowing up a choppy sea outside the breakwater, and the Fairchild was snorting and pawing the air and the water, undecided which sphere of activity to remain in; I'd get going inside the breakwater, barge out through the opening, and then I'd hit this combination of stiff breeze quartering a sea that had been rolling since the night before, so there I was crabbing into the seas and crabbing into the wind, and getting wet and getting no place, except back for another start. Each time I taxied past for another try I'd wave cheeringly at Whitbeck. Finally he got into the boat that had acted as a mail tender, caught me on one of my scheduled trips into and out of the harbor, and implored me to unload some of the spare propellers and engine parts and tools that the perspiring Fairchild was staggering along with. It was imperative, he said, that the air mail should get going that day, not tomorrow, or in a few days, but *now*. I had already left my mechanic behind to follow by steamer, so I left all the gear and took off again. Not to make a monotonous story even more aggravating, I'll merely add that on my next dash for freedom from the water I waved at Whitbeck, used an uncanny skill for which I was never famous, and really got into the air and headed for Havana. I heard later that Whitbeck immediately fainted from the strain and had to be revived with Bacardi and ice.

You see, what Whitbeck knew (and what I didn't know) was that Pan American had posted a bond of \$25,000 to guarantee that their air mail service started from Key West for Havana when the morning mail train got to Key West on Oct. 19. If they had failed to make that trip they would have forfeited the \$25,000, and possibly lost the contract. I just happened to be passing through on the 18th on my way to Haiti; and Whitbeck, who knew me from his old Air Mail days at Cleveland when I was testing planes and shovelling ashes for Glenn Martin, suggested that I should wait and take this load of mail across to Havana for him and thus help out an old friend whose airplanes hadn't yet arrived. Ed Music was arriving next day with the first Fokker to be used on the run, but it would be a great help to him, personally, said Pink Whiskers, if I'd just lay over a day and fly this flock of stamp collectors' let-

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# AIRLINES and AIR TRAVEL

## Ten New Transports Delivered

DELIVERY OF ten new 247-D type Boeing transports, equipped with geared supercharged P. & W. Wasp engines delivering 550 h.p. at 8,000 feet, was made to United Air Lines during October, and the planes will be placed in regular service on the New York-Chicago division of the company's mid-continent airway. As the new transports are substantially faster than the type now being operated by United, a material reduction in time of schedules will be made.

United will soon begin replacing the direct-drive Wasp engines on its 247s with the geared type, equipped with three-bladed Hamilton Standard controllable propellers, to convert its entire fleet of planes to the 247-D type.

## New Commuters' Service Operating

AN ADDITIONAL round-trip schedule was added October 1, by United Air Lines on the San Francisco-Los Angeles division of its Pacific coast airway, bringing the number of daily flights between these points up to seven, three of which are scheduled to stop at Fresno and Bakersfield, the others being non-stop. Frequent morning, afternoon, evening and night schedules are operated in each direction.

## Plane Sets Record In Flight Over Andes

THE NEW Pan American Douglas plane *San Martin* cut 2 hours 35 minutes off the Santiago to Buenos Aires run on its first flight over the trans-Andean mail route, when 4 hours 55 minutes covered the elapsed time for the distance for which the schedule is 7 hours 30 minutes.

Actual flying time was 4 hours 28 minutes at an average speed of 174 miles an hour. The plane landed and refueled at Mendoza.

The craft left Santiago 2 hours 45 minutes after a tri-motor plane making the regular bi-weekly passenger run and arrived at the Moron base ten minutes after this plane.

Piloted by Chief Pilot W. D. Smith of

Pan American, the plane carried Edward Allen from the Douglas factory and several Pan American officials.

In a record flight, the ship crossed the Andes twice on only one engine. Attaining the required altitude on the Chilean side of the mountains, the pilot switched off the right-hand engine and flew into Mendoza on the other. On the return trip he attained the required altitude and then cut off the left engine to cross the mountains on the right engine.

## UNITED REDUCES TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN COASTS

NEW SCHEDULES on the mid-continent route, cutting 2 hours 45 minutes from the flying time between New York and Los Angeles, have been inaugurated by United Air Lines in conjunction with General Air Line. Passengers change at Salt Lake City from Boeing to Douglas transports allowing twin-engined service from coast-to-coast. Further reductions in time will be made when the improved Boeings go into service.

## Smith Heads American Airlines

ELECTION OF C. R. Smith to the presidency of American Airlines, succeeding Lester D. Seymour who resigned, was announced October 25. Prior to his election to the presidency Smith, who has been with the company for seven years, was vice-president in charge of the Southern Division of American Airlines.

## Hanford Adds Larger Equipment

MULTI-MOTOR planes are now flying the Omaha, Sioux City, Sioux Falls and Twin Cities route of the Hanford Air Lines, replacing single-engine planes formerly used, according to Arthur S. Hanford, president. The new planes carry 12 passengers, and two pilots. Hanford said the new equipment was in response to steadily increasing traffic which has taxed the capacity of the smaller ships.

## Airline Plans Expansion

EASTERN AIR Lines, Inc., is planning a 4-point improvement program to be effected by the beginning of 1935. In one of the most ambitious developments at present being undertaken in the air transport industry, it proposes passenger service on all routes; new schedules to be operated on a limited stop basis; expenditure of approximately \$750,000 for new flying equipment and speeding up of all schedules.

The entire program will increase the company's operations from 10,448 to 15,568 scheduled miles daily, and seat miles from 166,720 to 270,860 daily.

In addition, work has already begun to speed-up the fleet of Curtiss-Wright Condors. Engineers determined that by adding slightly more power and greater degree of streamlining, the planes' useful load capacity will be increased 700 pounds and their cruising speed to 150 miles an hour.

## Braniff Speeds Schedule

BRANIFF AIRLINES has speeded up its schedule, now leaving Dallas at 8:45 a.m., and arriving in Chicago at 3 p.m. This flight is via Kansas City and allows several connections with planes to the north and east from Chicago. Direct connections with planes leaving for Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland and Pittsburgh are also available. Flying time from Dallas to New York has been cut to eleven hours by this new schedule.

## Express Insurance Rates Reduced

THE LIMIT of value on express shipments accepted by air express has been raised from \$5,000 to \$25,000, and insurance rates revised downward, on companies affiliated with the Air Division of the Railway Express Agency. Under the reduced insurance rates, the tariff includes insurance without extra charge up to \$500 for 100 pounds or less. Additional insurance per \$100 or fraction thereof has been reduced from fifteen cents to ten cents.

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The Wright Cyclone-powered Douglas transport which set new records for Pan American Airways in South America

The Boeing 40-B is used in Landing Beam training. Eight other School planes shown.



I. Boeing 203 Trainer, 2-place.



II. Boeing 81 Trainer, 2-place.



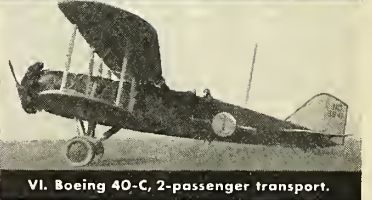
III. Stearman Trainer, 2-place.



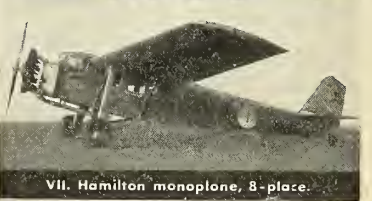
IV. Boeing 203-B, 2-place.



V. Stinson, Junior, 4-place.



VI. Boeing 40-C, 2-passenger transport.



VII. Hamilton monoplane, 8-place.



VIII. Tri-motored Ford Transport.

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#### **New England Fares Cut**

REDUCTIONS IN round-trip passenger fares in northern New England on the lines of Boston-Maine Airways between Boston and Bangor, and on the lines of Boston-Maine-Central Vermont Airways between Boston and Montreal became effective October 22, according to J. V. Sheehan, general passenger agent.

At the same time, the service between Burlington, Vt., and Montreal was suspended for the winter.

The new round-trip fare between Boston and Portland will be \$8.10, as compared with \$9.50.

On the New Hampshire-Vermont-Montreal line, the round-trip fare between Boston and Montreal is \$24.60, as compared with \$30.

Northbound, during the winter, the schedules call for the Maine plane to leave Boston at 10:30 a.m., daily, and the New Hampshire-Vermont-Canada line plane to leave Boston at 10:25 a.m., daily.

Southbound, planes leave Bangor at 2:00 p.m., arriving Boston 4:30. Planes leave Montreal at 1:00 p.m., arriving Boston at 4:25 p.m.

#### **Air Mail Poundage Increases**

THERE HAS been an increase in air mail volume of 121,221 pounds for July and August over the same two months of last year.

A comparison of the air mail poundage for these months shows 644,172 and 690,177 for a total of 1,334,349 pounds for July and August, 1933 compared with 682,520 and 773,050 for a total of 1,455,570 pounds for July and August 1934.

While the Post Office Department has not had sufficient time to determine the effect of the new six-cent air mail rate, on this increase, department officials are hopeful that the increased volume derived from the new rate will result in higher revenues than those received under the old rate.

#### **Bowen In New Quarters**

BOWEN AIR LINES, Fort Worth, Tex., has taken over the former United Air Lines' modern brick building and hangar at Love Field in Dallas and is now occupying it. It is felt the company plans moving its headquarters from Fort Worth to Dallas. The new building includes a shop, hangar, offices, instrument and waiting rooms and offices for officials.

#### **Birmingham Seeks Better Service**

CONTINUAL SHIFTING of schedules and changing of mail lines from Birmingham has caused the Junior Chamber of Commerce to launch a city-wide campaign to provide the city with permanent and adequate service. Representatives of a majority of the civic clubs and industrialists are cooperating in the

plan. At present the city is served by Delta Airlines, and only recently, Eastern Air Lines rerouted its New Orleans-Atlanta route through Montgomery to Atlanta, omitting Birmingham.

In view of the fact that poundage has increased more than 50 per cent it is felt that Birmingham is entitled to ample facilities for prompt service.

### **3,500 PASSENGERS FLY IN SLEEPER PLANES**

MORE THAN 3,500 passengers have been flown at night in American Airlines' new sleeper planes, according to Charles A. Rheinstrom, general traffic manager of the company. With few exceptions, he said, all have used the berths assigned them. The new sleepers are in nightly service between Chicago and New York, and between Los Angeles to Ft. Worth-Dallas.

#### **TWA Reorganized**

OPERATIONS OF Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., have been consolidated in TWA, Inc., the company formed to bid on air mail contracts last Spring after the former had been excluded from participating in the bidding by the Post Office Department.

At the meeting of the directors, Henry duPont was elected Chairman of the Board.

In addition the following directors were also elected: J. L. Eysmans, Jack Frye, George T. Ladd, C. H. Mathews, Jr., C. I. Morton, John L. Pratt, E. R. Stettinius, Jr., and F. G. Wilson.

Officers chosen include Jack Frye, executive vice-president; J. W. Brennan, vice-president (traffic); Paul E. Richter, Jr., vice-president (operations); F. G. Wilson, vice-president-treasurer; and W. J. Barry, secretary.

#### **Idaho Falls Made Regular Stop**

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho was made a regular, instead of a flag stop on the Alfred Frank Line between Salt Lake City and Great Falls, Montana. Installation of the service was attended with a formal celebration at the airport.

More than 800 letters awaited the first mail plane.

#### **U. S.-Alaska Mail Line Seen**

AIR MAIL service between Seattle and Alaska is expected to follow purchase of Alaska-Southern Airways by Pan American Airways. New ownership and operation of the line which has operated planes out of Ketchikan and Juneau throughout the year, will enlarge service to the south and bring tri-motored planes to routes now flown with single engined craft. The new service, moreover, will be from Seattle to Ketchikan, Juneau and Fairbanks.

#### **Airline Made Bonded Carrier**

EASTERN AIR Lines, Inc., has become a bonded carrier under the customs laws of the United States. The step gives the airline the following rights:

Goods coming into the country by air or steamship from any foreign nation can be transported via Eastern Air Lines under bond for delivery at any city where there is a customs house; transport and export shipments, which are those passing through the United States, enroute from one foreign nation to another foreign nation, may be flown in bond from the port of entry to the port of departure.

Until now there has been no air commerce through the United States of bonded merchandise. All imports are bonded until they are passed through customs and duty is paid or they are admitted duty free.

#### **World's Series Taxes Airlines**

AIRLINE TRAVEL in and out of St. Louis increased sharply during the World's Series, when second and third sections were used daily on the schedules of American Airlines to and from St. Louis.

On the fifth day of the series when the two contending teams traveled to Detroit, seven sections, carrying 71 passengers, were required on the 5 p.m. schedule. On the morning of the same day, there were four sections from Chicago.

TWA planes also carried a number of World's Series passengers from the West and Southwest.

#### **54,835 Passengers Carried in August**

SCHEDULED AIRLINES carried 54,835 passengers in August, 1934, according to the Bureau of Air Commerce, Department of Commerce. Twenty-three of the twenty-four companies operating during that month submitted reports.

Those lines flew 4,188,529 miles, carried 190,440 pounds of express, and flew 21,357,741 passenger miles during August compared with 4,117,542 miles, 163,342 pounds of express and 18,152,700 passenger miles for the preceding month.

#### **South Bend Service Resumed**

AIR TRANSPORT service at the South Bend, Ind., municipal airport was resumed October 15, after a suspension of several weeks to permit completion of longer runways.

Daily mail and passenger service is given by American Airlines, on its Chicago-Detroit route, with through mail connections from South Bend to New York. Arrangements have been made with other lines for flag stops for passengers. Traffic representatives of TWA have been making a survey of the area, with the possible determination to swing part of its service north to include the city of South Bend.



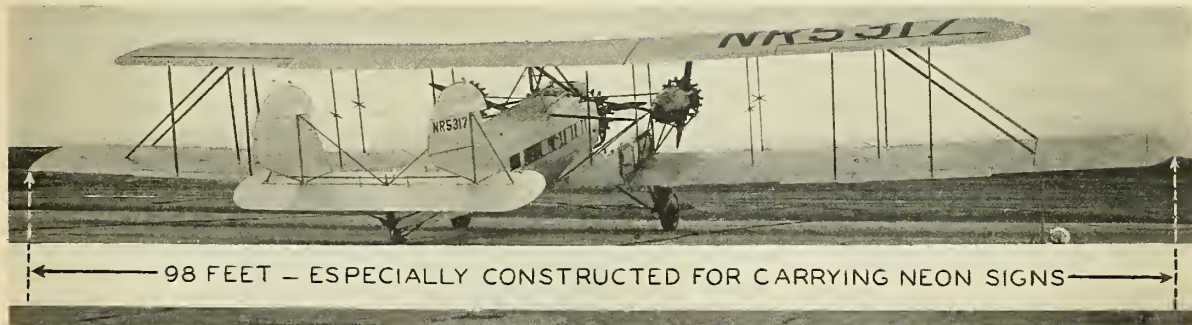
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partment stores, etc. The Pure Oil Company recently added two "Voice of the Sky" broadcasting planes, equipped by the Plane Speaker Corporation, to their extensive advertising facilities and report gratifying successes in their numerous sales areas.

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accommodate two Neon signs of 17 letters each, each letter 6' x 4'. This equipment is complete and ready to operate—for a manufacturer to advertise his own product, or for some organization to conduct an aerial advertising business. The Plane Speaker Corporation also will license others to operate in Canada with this or with Canadian-built equipment; or will build smaller equipment for any who wish to utilize their own aircraft.

● **COST AND SALE PRICE:** This complete equipment, including the Keystone, engineering and manufacturing costs of "Voice of the Sky" apparatus, Neon signs, etc., cannot be duplicated for less than \$139,000. *We will sell it for the highest offer—regardless of what it is.*

We also will sell the Keystone Tri-motor without the apparatus, or the apparatus without the Keystone. This equipment, incidentally, can be installed in practically any six-place cabin plane.

*All logical inquiries will be answered promptly. Thorough investigation invited*

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## *Vought Memorial Established at N.Y.U.*

HAROLD O. VOORHIS, secretary of New York University, has received a gift of \$1,000 from Mrs. Annie E. Vought, Forest Hills, N. Y., as a memorial to her son, the late Chance Vought. Income from the gift will be used to establish an appropriate prize in the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aeronautics which will be awarded annually to the senior or graduate student in aeronautical engineering who produces the best design for an airplane of given specifications. The award will be known as the Chance Vought Airplane Design Prize. The students work independently and under design office conditions.

Dr. Alexander Klemm, professor-in-charge of the School of Aeronautics and one of the technical editors of *AERO DIGEST*, declared "A Chance Vought prize in design would be a fitting memorial to the great ability of that pioneer and would stimulate the work of all aeronautical students."

Mr. Vought, who died in 1930, was an alumnus of the New York University College of Engineering.

## *New Courses Offered by Stewart*

STEWART TECHNICAL Trade School, New York, is offering a Master Mechanics Course and an Aeronautical Engineering Course. The curriculum for each course is extensive, covering airplane design, manufacture, operation and maintenance. The courses, complete in every respect, consist of both technical and practical training. Engine testing under actual flight conditions is featured on an extensive scale.

## *South Bend Schools Active*

AVIATION INTEREST in the public high schools in South Bend, Ind., has embraced such a large proportion of the school membership that it has been necessary to divide the high school Aero Club into five sections. Supervised by engineers, the courses will provide study and practical work in navigation, model building, propeller and engine construction.

## *Parks Enrollment Increases*

STUDENT ENROLLMENT at Parks Air College, East St. Louis, Ill., for the Fall term almost doubles that of the corresponding term of 1933. The present total enrollment is 194, including 105 new students, compared to a total of 107 registered students and 30 new students last year.

Enrollment in the major courses is: Executive transport pilots 22; aeronautical engineering 44, and master mechanics 62. There are 43 enrolled in the

airplane and engine mechanics' course.

Construction has started on a third dormitory to be of brick and steel and air conditioned. The structure, one story high, will accommodate 72 students and be ready for occupancy Jan. 1, 1935. The three dormitories will provide residence facilities for 242 students.

## **MINNESOTA GROUP GETS LOENING AWARD**

THE UNIVERSITY of Minnesota Flying club has been awarded the Loening Trophy for accumulating more flying hours than any intercollegiate flying club in the country. The club, composed of about 40 members, plans the incorporation of a national association with about 40 chapters in various colleges and universities of the United States, aiming to foster collegiate aviation, to co-ordinate flying activities and to promote aeronautical educational activities.

## *Spartan Registration Increases*

ENROLLMENTS AT the Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Okla., have increased 80 per cent, and from indications another record enrollment will have been reached late this month.

Members of the Dawn Patrol recently flew to Paris, Tex., to assist in the opening dedication program of a new stretch of highway and another flight is being planned for the early part of this month when a number of students will be guests of the Gainesville, Tex., Chamber of Commerce.

The most popular course is the Master Mechanic Flight Course, which has 25 per cent of the total enrollment.

Another popular course is the Special Transport Course, which is gaining in popularity and gives promise to soon overtake the Master Mechanic Flight Course.

## *School Leases Space to Hanford*

NORTHLAND AVIATION School, Wold - Chamberlain Field, Minneapolis Municipal Airport, has leased to Hanford Tri State Airlines, space for shops and offices in the school hangars. Under the arrangement, the airline will use the space as an operations base. The former base was temporarily located at Holman Field, St. Paul, with the overhaul shops at Rickenbacker Airport, Sioux City, Iowa. All shops will now be located in the Northland hangars, as will the radio department and executive offices.

The new arrangement provides students with an opportunity to observe, first-hand, the operations of a major airline, and advanced students will work as apprentices in the Hanford shops.

## *Fifty New Students at Boeing*

THE BEGINNING of the fall term at the Boeing School of Aeronautics, Oakland, Calif., saw fifty new students enrolled for aeronautical training courses.

The students came from 21 states in the Union and from one foreign country, some enrolling for the 250-hour flight instruction course and others for the one- or two-year mechanics courses.

Specialized training, leading toward possible semi-technical and administrative positions, is featured in the new two-year curriculum known as the Airline Operations Course. Representing the most complete training in ground school offered by the institution, the course prepares its graduates for employment in either the various department of airlines or in aircraft factories.

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## *New Students at Ryan*

SEVEN NEW students are now taking courses for the fall and winter semester at the Ryan School of Aeronautics, San Diego, Calif. They are specializing in flight and mechanical work.

The school has had its Department of Commerce certificate renewed. It is licensed to instruct in transport, limited commercial, private and amateur flight and ground courses.

## *Jones School Increases Faculty*

CASEY JONES School of Aeronautics, Newark, N. J., has added to its faculty, Henry H. Hall, Assistant Engine Instructor and Joseph Harrison who is conducting courses in Aviation Law. Hall attended the University of Florida and Tulane University, and spent the last three years at the Air Corps major overhaul station in the Hawaiian Islands. Harrison is a member of the New Jersey Bar, and during the last year clarified and coordinated certain state laws pertaining to aviation.

The schools reports an enrollment of 265 students.

## *Eaton Opens Gliding School*

A SCHOOL for gliding and soaring instruction and training has been opened at Caton Avenue Airport, Elmira, N. Y., by Warren E. Eaton, president of Central New York Airways, Inc.

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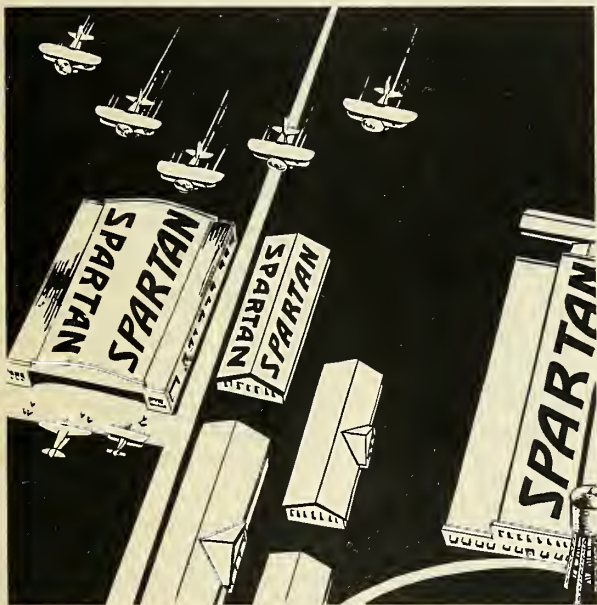
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# AT THE AIRPORTS

## *Bendix Airport Reorganized*

REORGANIZATION OF the operation of the Bendix municipal airport at South Bend, Ind., has been effected, under direction of the new city aviation commission. Vincent Bendix has given a new lease to the city, under which it will control the port until 1938, with an option to purchase the 400-acre tract for \$250,000.

Operation of the airport has been placed under Homer Stockert, manager of Stockert Flying Service, and Capt. Rudolph Van Devere, manager of Indiana Flying Service. They will alternate in monthly supervision and control of port activities.

The price of gasoline has been fixed to yield the airport a profit of 4 cents per gallon. On the average monthly sale of 5,000 gallons, the aviation commission expects an operating profit of \$200; if sales increase sufficiently to produce excess revenues, the price will be decreased.

## *Lake Delton Runway Completed*

R. M. HINES, manager of Heart of the Lakes Airways, Inc., Airport, Lake Delton, Wisc., announced the completion of the first of the three runways now being improved.

The NW-SE runway, 300 x 2600 ft., is available and the two other runways will be completed in the near future.

The large brick and wood hangar is being modernized and a repair shop and a complete stock of parts is being carried for all types of engines and ships.

## *Airport in Athens Dedicated*

THE 30-ACRE airport at Athens, Ohio, was dedicated recently with a program that included stunt flying and parachute jumping. About 1000 stamp collectors, aviators and aviation enthusiasts throughout the United States sent stamped envelopes to the Athens postmaster for a special cachet commemorating the occasion.

## *Mississippi Cities Get Port Funds*

FUNDS HAVE been made available for the construction of new airports at Laurel, Meridian, Richton, Carthage, Philadelphia, McComb, Hazelhurst, Pica-yune, Amory, Magee, Biloxi, Gulfport and Pascagoula in the state of Missis-

sippi. Some of these already have temporary airports, made available by CWA labor last year.

## YOUNGSTOWN OFFICIALS MAY REBUILD PORT

CITY OFFICIALS of Youngstown, Ohio, are again studying the possibilities of rehabilitating the Municipal Airport, following the offer of Central Air Lines to resume mail service there if proper landing facilities are provided.

## *Welcome New Planes in Salt Lake*

SALT LAKE City airport celebrated inauguration of the use of new Douglas transports by General Air Lines between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles by featuring a program to which business men from Los Angeles and Las Vegas, Nevada, were invited. Alfred Frank, of the Alfred Frank Airways, acted as chairman.

## *Lambert Field Improved*

NEW IMPROVEMENTS at Lambert Field, St. Louis municipal airport, include a concrete road extension, new fencing and installation of steam heat facilities in the U. S. Weather Bureau building.

The new road, 16 feet wide and 650 feet long, and replacing a dirt road, is an extension of the main drive skirting the airline and plane service buildings.

A Page chain link eight-foot fence was installed along the new highway, and steam heat and hot water facilities for the Weather Bureau will be furnished through a pipeline from the Terminal Building.

## *Two Operators Organize*

THE GALVESTON, Texas, Flying Service has been incorporated for a general passenger service. Incorporators are K. C. Fairchild, M. Leonard, and W. E. Huddleston.

Another new company was formed in Vandalia, Ohio, when Mayes Aviation, Inc., was incorporated by R. K. Powell, E. Breisch, and C. Finkle. Capitalization was set at \$20,000.

## *Peat To Operate Butler Airport*

OPERATION OF Butler airport, Pittsburgh, Pa., has been taken over from the Pittsburgh Aviation Industries, by D. Barr Peat, who will operate the field under the name of Barr Peat Airports Co., of which he is president.

The arrival of the State Air Tour on October 14, and the dedication of the new Pittsburgh-Butler highway, which brings the field within 35 minutes of downtown Pittsburgh, were the first events at the field under the new management.

Peat will confine his activities at Butler to the promotion of private flying, servicing and instruction.

Butler airport consists of two hangars and 640 acres, of which 600 are now available for landing. It provides space for activities of country clubs, aviation clubs, repair and service depots and storage of private planes. It was developed by the Pittsburgh Aviation Industries Corporation at a cost of about \$500,000.

## *Operator Moves To Tucson*

PARAMOUNT AIR Service, Inc., formerly of San Francisco, Cal., resumed operations under the name of G & G Gilpin Airlines, Ltd., with headquarters at the Municipal Airport, Tucson, Arizona. Heinz Wegner is manager.

The company has a modern school using Fleet training planes and is also offering a charter flight service in a Bach airliner.

## *Glendale Barbeque Popular*

SEVERAL HUNDRED airplane owners and pilots attended the recent barbeque at the Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., with Major C. C. Moseley, managing director of the terminal, acting as official host.

Moseley arranged to provide the visiting planes with gasoline and also saw that each of his guests was amply supplied with barbequed beef, draught beer and trimmings.

## *Operator Adds Equipment*

WITH THE completion of construction work on the Lake Delton, Wis., airport which increased the size of the field, Heart of the Lakes Airway, Inc., has added to its fleet of ships a two-place Aerona.

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### Operator Offers Extensive Service

PORTLAND AIR Service, Inc., has been organized in Portland, Ore., with James Lester Meadows as president; M. H. Jones, vice-president; and Stewart Weiss, secretary. This firm is an outgrowth of the Rasmussen-Meadows Co., operators at Swan Island Airport, Portland. Personnel is the same as the company which it supplants, using its equipment, shops and administration offices.

A number of flying functions are embraced in the new corporation, while the Rasmussen-Meadows Co., remains the same in Seattle, Wash. Enlarged scope of the organization includes air taxi service, charter trips, airplane ambulance service, as well as aerial mapping and photography.

The air taxi service is believed to be highly practicable at this time and ambulance service was also felt to be a growing necessity.

Present shops of the organization are now undergoing enlargement as well as remodeling and facilities will be added to meet new features of the organization.

### Two Operators Get Approval

APPROVED REPAIR station certificates have been issued by the Bureau of Air Commerce, Department of Commerce to two fixed base operators as follows:

Western Flying Service, Inc., Denver, Colo., approved for welded steel tube structure, excluding fittings, wood structure, excluding box and laminated spars, fabric covering, steel fittings and assembly.

Fitzgerald Bros., Aircraft Service, Dycer Airport, Los Angeles, Calif., approved for welded steel tube structures, excluding fittings, wood structure, excluding box and laminated spars, steel fittings and assembly.

### Lighting System Installed

WORK HAS begun upon installation of new lights at the Rock Springs, Wyo., municipal airport. The field is being enlarged under ERA funds, more than \$50,000 having been expended by the government since February 1 on the project.

United Air Lines, through co-operation with the city, is carrying out the lighting program, which, when completed will encompass the entire field. The latest type boundary and obstruction lights will be used.

### Utica Airport Progressing

WORK OF improving the Utica, N. Y. Municipal Airport is progressing rapidly, according to Reginald I. Heath, superintendent.

Workers have enough to do to keep them busy until winter he said, and the question as to whether the project will be extended to keep the port open at all

times after snow falls will be decided later. Grading of the field has been the principal work, and it is reported to be in excellent condition.

Regular stops are made twice daily in both directions by American Airlines.

City Comptroller Richard G. Williams reports that on October 1, \$5,465.60 was still available of the year's \$11,374.68 budget for 1934 operation of the field.

## SEAPLANE BASE TO BE BUILT AT NEWARK

OFFICIALS OF the city of Newark, N. J., have announced plans for a seaplane base at the Port of Newark, adjacent to Newark Airport, where part of the shipways of the old Submarine Boat Corp., will be utilized. It is expected construction will require about three weeks.

### Utah Airport Work Gains

MONEY COLLECTED from airplane gasoline taxes may be spent to develop Utah airports, if recommendations to the next state legislature by Preston G. Peterson, road commission chairman, are adopted. The airport development plan is gaining in favor in the state.

Work on the new hangar at the Carbon county airport at Price is progressing rapidly and will soon be completed. Steel doors for the hangar have been ordered and the roofing is well under way. The structure will house planes belonging to J. R. Lund, George Schultz and others who base on the field.

### Preston Airport Improved

PRESTON AIRPORT has been considerably improved, and A. C. Blomgren, state Director of Aeronautics, said that it is one of the best in Idaho. The location is ideal, having no trees or high tension wires near it, and is only two miles west of town on Highway 91.

### New Company In Dallas

AIRPLANE EQUIPMENT & Sales Corp., of Dallas has been granted incorporation papers to conduct an airplane and equipment enterprise. Capital stock was listed at \$1000 while incorporators are William L. Campbell, Lois M. Campbell and M. L. Stewart.

### Fort Worth Plans Improvements

THE CITY COUNCIL of Fort Worth, Tex., has indorsed a huge bond proposal to raise funds for an extensive city improvement program which includes a combination air passenger terminal building for Meacham Field, the municipal airport. In addition, field and landing lights will also be installed.

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# THE AIR SERVICES

## *New Army Unit Organized*

A GENERAL Headquarters Air Force, consisting of 48 squadrons situated in six states, with headquarters at Langley Field, has been formed in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

The new force will be under the immediate direction of General Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff, with actual command of the division under an as yet unnamed officer, probably Colonel Charles H. Danforth. Centralization of command of the air force under the chief of staff, greatly limits the authority of Major General Benjamin D. Foulois, Chief of the Air Corps, who only retains charge of air corps schools, depots and procurement.

The official announcement did not specify the number of planes in the squadrons, but the General Staff, in recommending creation of an independent air force, designated it as a unit of at least 900 planes. Those units designated comprise virtually the entire combat strength of the Army Air Corps.

The plan is to divide the new unit into five "wings," with bombardment and pursuit units based on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and attack units in the middle west, to provide the greatest mobility. Each wing is to have about 200 planes. It is also planned to bring each of the 48 squadrons up to full peacetime strength and to organize about 15 new units.

Combat units at the following fields will be incorporated in the new air force: March Field, Riverside, Calif.; Hamilton Field, San Rafael, Calif.; Rockwell Field, San Diego, Calif.; Langley Field, Va.; Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas; Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La.; Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens, Mich.; and Scott Field, Belleville, Ill.

## *Army Fields to Be Improved*

ESTIMATES FOR new construction at Kelly, Brooks and Duncan Fields, U. S. Army Air Corps centers in San Antonio, Tex., costing about \$11,000,000 have been approved, according to Major General Johnson Hagood, commander of the 8th Corps Area.

The plans include an expenditure of \$5,438,000 for converting Kelly Field into a permanent project, replacing wooden structures with modern buildings similar to those at Randolph Field; about \$3,835,-

000 for doing the same at Brooks Field; and \$1,803,000 for expansion of San Antonio Air Depot at Duncan Field.

The War Department has definitely decided to maintain the primary school at Randolph Field and the advanced school at Kelly Field as separate units, instead of combining them as had been proposed as an economy measure.

## **AIR BASES TO BE BUILT AT STRATEGIC POINTS**

PLANS FOR establishing strategic air bases on the East and West Coasts are being studied by the War Department. The General Staff is considering at least 10 new depots reaching from Maine to Florida, along the southern border and up from California to Alaska.

## *Centner Gets Reserve Post*

MAJ. WILLIAM F. CENTNER, superintendent of Port Columbus, Ohio, has been elected president of the Air Reserve Association of the Fifth Military Corps Area. Lieut. N. L. Goldsmith, Louisville, Ky., is vice-president.

A national meeting of the organization, which includes members from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and West Virginia was held at Port Columbus in October with Maj. Centner in charge of the program.

## *West Pointers to Take Air Course*

AN AERIAL experience course of 20 hours has been ordered for all West Point Cadets in the first and third classes, following a recommendation of the War Department's special committee on the Air Corps.

The proposed course, to begin next summer at Mitchel Field, Mineola, N. Y., will include: familiarization flights to accustom cadets to being in the air, flights to gain experience in bombing, aerial observation, use of weapons, etc.

Ground instruction, taken during the flight training period, will include use of aerial maps, bomb sights and releases, camera obscura, preparation of observer's reports, manipulation of aircraft machine guns and the solution of elementary problems in aviation.

## *Distance Flights for Navy Planes*

NAVAL AIRCRAFT squadrons based at Coco Solo, Canal Zone and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii are scheduled to make long-distance flights during the winter and spring, according to Capt. John H. Hoover, chief of staff to Rear Admiral A. W. Johnson, commanding aircraft, San Diego, Calif.

Three squadrons from the Canal Zone will circle the Caribbean Sea in January, and four other squadrons will make a tour of the Hawaiian Islands.

## *Utah Units Join In Exercises*

ANNUAL AIRCRAFT maneuvers were completed at Fort Douglas when the 38th Infantry and 329th Observation Squadron joined in simulating war conditions. All types of communications between ground and air forces were tried out during the exercises. Colonel A. F. Dannemiller was director of activities with Major W. P. Scobey in charge of training work.

## *Device Tests Piloting Ability*

DR. L. J. O'ROURKE, Director of Research in Personnel and Administration of the United States Civil Service Commission, has designed for use in Army air schools a device which aids in forecasting whether or not a candidate for flight training will be likely to qualify. The apparatus, known as the complex coordinator, was built at the Bureau of Standards from Dr. O'Rourke's design, who at the request of Army air officers as a function of the Civil Service Commission's research in the selection of personnel for the Government, undertook the project.

The device has been tried at Brooks Field, Texas, and reports show a striking relation between those who make high scores in the test and those who graduate as fliers. The same marked relation is shown between those who make low scores and those who fail in the training for fliers.

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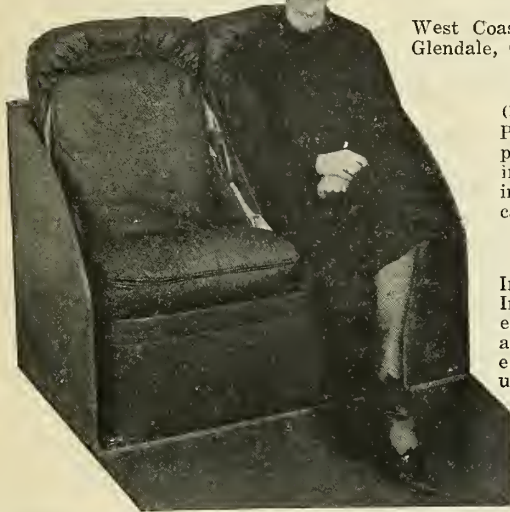
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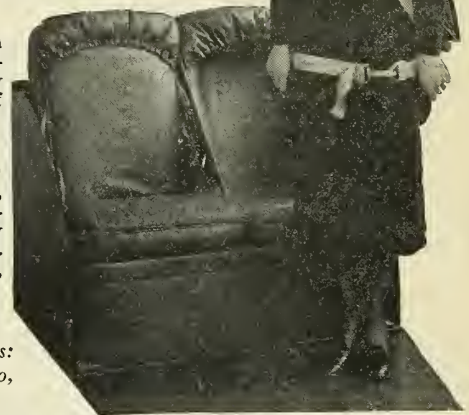
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## Aviators Show November 10

THE SIXTEENTH Annual Aviator's Armistice Dinner and Show will be held at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton, New York on the evening of November 10. Sponsored by the Aviators Post of the American Legion, the affair is being made possible through the cooperation of members of other flying organizations in the metropolitan area including the 27th Division National Guard, Air Corps Reserve Association, Aviation Country Club, Amateur Pilots Association and the Naval Air Reserve.

Among those contributing, by writing or acting, are Clarence Chamberlin, Frank Hawks, Frank Courtney, Fred Stone, Cy Caldwell, Frank Godwin, Bob Lyons, Lt. Col. George Vaughn, Roger Q. Williams, Roger Kahn, Casey Jones, Elliott White Springs, Clayton Knight, Clark Robinson, Sam Moore and Major Lawrence Brower. The show will consist of a number of acts of an aviation character, with Fred Stone, assisting in its direction.

## von Schrenk Heads A.S.T.M.

DR. HERMANN von Schrenk of St. Louis, Mo., was elected president of the American Society for Testing Materials, following action taken by the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. H. Bassett.

A vacancy created by Dr. von Schrenk's election was filled by the appointment of H. S. Vassar, as senior vice-president, Mr. Vassar having been elected a vice-president last June. A. C. Fieldner was elected junior vice-president.

## Helen McCloskey Wins Race

A CROWD of aviation enthusiasts attended the All-Women Air Show staged at College Park airport, College Park, Md.

Helen McCloskey won the 25-mile handicap feature race, nosing out Edna Gardner, in a finish which thrilled the spectators. Genevieve Savage, of Washington, was third. The event was

sponsored by the Washington (D. C.) Women Pilots' Association, of which Miss Savage is president.

## Cox Wins Tour Award

THE ANNUAL trophy award in the recent Indiana all-state air tour, for "common sense, judgment, attitude toward rules and regulations, and fine regard for the welfare of other ships on the tour," was awarded to Major Charles E. Cox, Jr., manager of the Indianapolis municipal airport, by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.

## Treasure Hunt at Holmes Airport

AN AIRPLANE treasure hunt, competing for cash prizes awarded by Mrs. I. J. Fox will be held November 11, from Holmes Airport, Jackson Heights, N. Y. All licensed ships are eligible.

Entrants will seek various "treasures" on designated airports within a 30-mile radius of Holmes Airport. Each will receive sealed orders as to where to proceed and what to obtain. Upon completion of the first objective, the contestant will receive further orders as to the next objective until the return to Holmes is ordered.

## Arkansas Holds Seventh Tour

A TWO-DAY tour of new airports in the state of Arkansas featured the seventh annual event under the general chairmanship of Charles M. Taylor of Little Rock. From 20 to 25 planes participated, stopping at ten airports, seven of which were recently constructed. The other three have been materially improved.

The planes started from Little Rock and stopped at Ola, Russellville, Clarksville, Ozark, Fayetteville, Siloam Springs, Fort Smith, DeQueen, Texarkana and Arkadelphia before returning to the original take-off point.

Included in the entries were three ships from the 154th Observation Squadron of the Arkansas National Guard.

## F.A.I. Meets in Washington

THE THIRTY-FOURTH conference of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale and the first ever held in this country, officially opened in Washington, October 9, inaugurating four days of work dealing with sporting aviation.

Upon his arrival in New York and before leaving for the conference in Washington, Louis Bleriot was inducted into the Early Birds organization at a dinner sponsored by AERO DIGEST in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. In addition to the members of the F.A.I., and the Early Birds, many men of the present day industry gathered there to honor the man who flew the English Channel in 1909.

Representatives from 22 of the 34 member nations, headed by Prince Bibesco, president of the F.A.I., came to the conference. In the list of those present were such illustrious names as Paul Tissandier of France; Marcello Diaz Duca della Victoria and Lt. Col. Paul Sbernadori of Italy; Wolfgang von Gronau of Germany; Major C. J. W. Darwin of Great Britain and Jonkheer van der Berch von Heemstedt of Holland.

Following a visit to the site of the Wright Brothers first flights at Kitty Hawk, N. C., the delegates were officially welcomed by Secretary of State Hull, Secretary of Commerce Roper and other high government officials. The gold medal of the association was then presented to Wiley Post.

The convention ended with the reelection of Prince Bibesco as president. Tadiya Sondermeyer of Yugoslavia was named to succeed General Amundson of Sweden, who resigned and von Gronau was added to the general council. It was decided to hold the 1935 convention in Belgrade, Yugoslavia and to admit the Aero Club of Bulgaria into membership. The applications of the Aero Clubs of Moscow and Ireland were temporarily tabled.

The federation was advised it would act as the League of Nations authority on all international air problems.



Group of foreign delegates to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale conference upon their arrival in New York

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# THE INDUSTRY IN GENERAL

## Fixed Base Operators Busier

MISCELLANEOUS OPERATORS carried 571,693 passengers and flew 36,780,157 miles during the first six months of 1934, according to the Bureau of Air Commerce. Miscellaneous operations include commercial services, pleasure flying, instruction of students and experimental flying. Scheduled air transport activities, which are not included under this category, accounted for 241,772 passengers and 21,517,658 miles during the same period.

Compared with operations during the similar period in 1933, the miscellaneous operators showed increases in both listings. In 1933, January-June, 32,748,157 miles were flown and 434,586 passengers carried.

## Hammond Wins Aircraft Contract

A CONTRACT for a new-type civil airplane, designed with emphasis upon safety and ease of operation, has been awarded by the Bureau of Air Commerce of the Department of Commerce to Hammond Aircraft Corp., Ypsilanti, Mich. Fifteen to twenty of the airplanes will be purchased and assigned to the Department's aeronautical inspectors for use in the field.

Originally planning to purchase 25 airplanes, the Bureau reduced the number to 15, with the option of taking five more, so that a portion of the funds originally set aside will be available for experimenting with other types brought forward in the competition. Several of these, although promising, did not fully meet the specifications.

A distinctive feature of the Hammond pusher-type monoplane model is its three-wheeled undercarriage, which permits the airplane to be landed at low or high speed and then brought to a quick stop by immediate and full application of the brakes. A 95 horsepower Menasco will be used.

The specifications to which the airplanes will be constructed call for ability to land and take off from an unusually small field, a low speed of 35 miles per hour and a high speed of 110 miles per hour. The planes will cost \$3,190 each.

The first airplane manufactured under this project is to be delivered for accept-

ance at the manufacturer's plant within five months after receipt of order. The remaining planes shall be delivered within four months after acceptance by the Government of the first ship.

The Hammond monoplane will be constructed entirely of metal and will accommodate two persons seated side-by-side. Provision is made for 40 lbs. of baggage.

## NATIONAL AIR RACES SHOW \$12,157 PROFIT

THE 1934 National Air Races, held in Cleveland, made a profit of at least \$12,157, according to preliminary figures, marking the first time since 1929 that the event has been able to show a profit. Income from tickets, concessions, programs, sponsorships, etc., amounted to \$241,370.49, while expenses for prizes, operations, construction, and general and administrative expenses amounted to \$229,213.07, leaving a profit of \$12,157.42.

## New Stinson Delivered in Canada

A STINSON Reliant designed for freight carrying as well as for passenger work, has been delivered to General Airways, Ltd., of Toronto, Canada, which maintains bases at Rouyn, Hudson, Amos and other northern outposts on the railheads. During the past five years the company has carried thousands of tons of freight and thousands of passengers from the railheads to mines located in the interior.

The Stinson has one front seat and two quickly-removable rear hammock-type seats and its lower side walls and the floor are metal-covered.

It operates on Edo floats in the summer, while during the winter season it will be equipped with skis.

Because of severe weather conditions, two hinged doors were constructed in the bottom of the N.A.C.A. cowling so that heat might quickly pass over the engine as it is being warmed up.

The plane is powered with a Lycoming engine driving a Lycoming-Smith controllable-pitch propeller and is equipped with wing flaps.

## Commercial Production Up

A SHARP upward swing has been shown all year, with the exception of a slight retrogression in April, in commercial production and deliveries according to a report of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce. The July production of commercial airplanes was up 8.2% and deliveries were up 15.1% as compared with June, each being almost 50% of the total production and delivery figures, respectively, for the first six months of 1934. Production of commercial engines in July was greater than any previous month this year with the exception of March, and was 23.4% higher than June. A new monthly high for the year was reached in deliveries of commercial engines, which were up 46.5% from June.

Military production and deliveries of airplanes were both up 23.8% from June, but engines were down to less than one-half the June figures. The total of military engines and airplanes showed a steady downward trend the first quarter of this year, but in May and June there was a sharp pick-up.

Sales of spare parts were up in July as compared with June, for commercial, and down for military airplanes and engines.

Unit values of airplanes, both military and commercial, show an upward trend for the year, but those for engines show no definite trend. No new floats, either commercial or military, were reported as produced and sold during July.

A total of 297 commercial and 241 military planes were produced during the first six months of 1934 while 197 commercial and 64 military engines were produced during the same period. Deliveries during the same period for aircraft were 291 commercial and 241 military and for engines, 1023 commercial and 340 military. The value of aircraft delivered was \$9,716,426 for commercial and \$7,767,363 for military.

## Ailor Sells 13 Planes in Week

A RECORD for Waco Sales of New York, eastern distribution headquarters for Waco Airplane Co., was set one week recently when thirteen planes, new and used, were sold, according to Howard Ailor, president of the company which is located at Roosevelt Field, Garden City, New York.

Among the planes sold was a Jacobs-powered Waco cabin to Wm. A. Hughes of Newark, N. J.; J. H. Lapham, Wright-powered Waco cabin; Horace Barnes, Lumberton, N. C., Continental-powered Waco cabin; Jack Goldberg, Waco F; Wright-powered Robin to A. J. Bowman and a Waco F-2 to Henry Carter of Maxton, N. C.

The company has just bought a new Jacobs cabin and a new F-3.



Model of 95 h.p. Menasco-powered Hammond all-metal monoplane

### Lockheed Names New Superintendent

RICHARD VON HAKE has been named factory superintendent of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, Calif., succeeding Otto Santoff, who has been placed in charge of customer-service. von Hake was chief engineer of the Lockheed company under the previous management.

Another change in the shop personnel has been the appointment of E. Morton Bach as foreman of the Electra final assembly department.

### Aerovias Centrales Secures Electra

FOR EARLY inauguration of multi-motor air service between Los Angeles and Mexico City, Pan American Airways has taken delivery of the first of six all-metal, Lockheed Electras ordered for Aerovias Centrales, S. A., its affiliate.

Powered with two P. & W. Wasp SC-1 engines, Pan American's Electra is a new model 10C. Previously completed Electras have been of the 10A model powered with Wasp Juniors. An improvement in the new Electra is the installation of a

streamline-type windshield which slopes backward, in place of an earlier type of shield which sloped forward.

Northwest Airlines, St. Paul, has taken delivery of its fourth Electra, Wasp Junior-powered, for its northern transcontinental service, and Herbert G. Fales, sportsman pilot and official of the International Nickel Company of Canada, has taken delivery of a Wasp-powered Vega.

Fales will base the Vega at a New York City airport, where he also maintains a Stearman sport plane. Paul Mantz, well known Pacific Coast pilot, flew the Fales ship from Los Angeles to New York in 14 hours, and took Amelia Earhart's transatlantic Vega back to Burbank for an overhaul.

### Airplane Inspector Shifted

FORREST H. LONGEWAY, Department of Commerce aeronautical inspector has been transferred by the Bureau of Air Commerce from Minneapolis to Milwaukee where he will headquarter at the county airport. His territory includes Milwaukee, Madison, Oshkosh and St. Ignace, Wisc. and Rockford, Ill.

### August Exports Total \$2,787,878

AMERICAN AERONAUTICAL exports experienced the finest month in a year during August, 1934, when sales to foreign purchasers reached a total valuation of \$2,787,878. The greater part, \$1,680,330, was for 107 airplanes while 77 engines brought \$462,025.

Colombian buyers again were among our best customers, leading with purchases of \$668,068 for 49 airplanes and almost \$100,000 worth of parts and accessories. China continued to take a good portion of American products when \$658,830 was spent for 19 airplanes and \$93,355 for parts and accessories. Next among the largest purchasers was Russia which spent \$450,460; Siam, which spent \$251,628; Peru, \$166,390 and Germany, \$156,099.

Aircraft were also purchased by the following countries: Mexico (9), Brazil (3), Nicaragua (2), Argentina (2) and one each by Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Chile, Philippine Islands, Australia and the Union of South Africa.

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## . Digest of Recent Events .

### Poland Again Wins Bennett Cup Race

THE ANNUAL Gordon Bennett Balloon Races again were won by Polish balloonists who not only took first place, but also managed to win the next two places in the twenty-second annual contest held at Warsaw, Poland. Z. Burznski and J. Zakrzewski, landing near Riazan, Russia covered approximately 750 miles; Capt. Franciszek Hyniek landed near Voronezh, Russia while third place was taken by the *Polonja*, which came down in a lake some 200 miles north of Helsingfors, Finland. Sixth place fell to the U. S. Navy balloon piloted by Lieutenants C. H. Kendall and H. T. Orville, who covered 620 miles. SEPT. 27

### U. S. Glider Record For Altitude Broken

TWO SOARING flights in which it was said the American altitude record was broken were made by pilots of the Soaring Society of America during the ten-day meet in Big Meadows, Va. Warren Eaton and Lewin Barringer flew their soarers in formation to an altitude of about 6500 feet, comparing with the 6224-foot record set last summer by Richard duPont. Two secondary gliders, piloted by Don Bernowicz and John Novak reached an altitude of about 2000 feet. The world's record for soaring planes is 8,494 feet held by Robert Kronfeld. SEPT. 27

### Youth Breaks Record On Long-Distance Hop

JAMES MELROSE, 20-year old Australian pilot, flew from Darwin, Australia to London in

8 days 9 hours, beating the former mark of 8 days 22 hours 25 minutes held by Jimmy Mollinson and that of 8 days 12 hours held by Bernard Rubin and H. F. Waller. The plane was a Puss Moth with a Gipsy engine. Melrose averaged about 1200 miles each day. He also holds the record for a flight around Australia. The England-Australia record was broken by C. W. A. Scott and T. Campbell Black who flew a twin-engine *Comet* in 71 hours to Australia. SEPT. 28

### Gromoff Flies 7,707 Miles Non-Stop

A NON-STOP, non-refueling flight of 7,707 miles in about 75 hours, averaging almost 102 miles an hour was made by Commander Michael Gromoff and two others. The flight was made over a triangular course in Russia using an all-Soviet constructed plane, the RD. For his accomplishment, Gromoff was elevated to the rank of "Hero," a new rank recently created. The flight will not be officially recognized since Russia is not yet a member of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale. SEPT. 29

### Italians Set Distance Mark in Seaplane

FLYING A Cant Z-501 seaplane powered by an Isotta-Fraschini 750-horsepower engine, Mario Stoppani, Corradino Corrado and Amadeo Suraion flew 2561 miles between Monfalcone, near Trieste and Massaua, capital of the Italian colony of Eritrea, in Northern Africa. Their flight exceeded the last best mark by 153 miles, removing from the United States the long-

distance seaplane non-stop flight record held by Lieut. Comdr. Knefler McGinnis and Comdr. Marc A. Mitschler who flew from San Francisco to the Hawaiian Islands. The flight required 26 hours 25 minutes, despite bad weather. OCT. 19

### Russian Flier Loops Glider 227 Times

THE ANNUAL All-Union Glider Meet held in Koktebel, Crimea was the occasion for the establishment of a new world's record for looping a single-place glider. Pilot Bazudin made 227 consecutive loops in a four-hour flight, eclipsing by 18 the last best previous record, also held by a Russian. OCT. 19

### Scott-Black Cut Record 4½ Days

BY FLYING between Mildenhall Airrome and Melbourne in 70 hours 59 minutes 50 seconds, C. W. A. Scott and T. Campbell Black not only won the MacRobertson trophy and cash award, but also broke existing records by a wide margin. The flight took 10,394 miles and bettered the previous record held by Capt. Charles T. P. Ulm by 4 days 13 hours 12 minutes. It was the third time that Scott figured as a record-maker between England and Australia. OCT. 22

### Agello Sets New Seaplane Speed Mark

FLYING THE same Macchi 72 seaplane in which he set previous speed records, Lieut. Francesco Agello, Italian pilot, attained a top speed of 440 miles an hour at Desenzano, Italy. His old mark, set last April was

423.822 m.p.h. The engine was a new Fiat AS-6V which develops 3500 h.p. In his four attempts, Agello made 438.08 m.p.h., 441.19 m.p.h., 441.81 m.p.h., and 440.67 miles per hour. OCT. 23

### Piccards Make Another Stratosphere Flight

AN ALTITUDE of more than 10 miles was reached by Jean Piccard and his wife after rising from the Ford Airport, Dearborn, Mich. In the air for almost eight hours the flight ended in Cadiz, Ohio. The balloonists felt the flight was a success and that the purpose of the flight, had been accomplished. OCT. 23

### Kingsford-Smith Flying Pacific to California

STARTING FROM Suva in the Fiji Islands, Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith and Capt. P. G. Taylor flew half-way across the Pacific Ocean after a 25-hour 3,150-mile non-stop flight to Honolulu, the last stopping point before they leave for Oakland, Calif., in their P. & W. Wasp-powered Lockheed, the *Lady Southern Cross*. They had flown from Brisbane to Suva, 1,760 miles, in 11 hours 45 minutes. It is 2,408 miles, over water, from Honolulu to Oakland. OCT. 29

## . Coming Events .

### Air Show

Fourteenth International Aero Salon, Paris, France. NOV. 16-DEC. 2

### Challenge Race

Handicap race for Viceroy's Challenge Trophy. From Calcutta to Bombay. DEC. 15-16



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### Operators Set Safety Record

MISCELLANEOUS AIRCRAFT operators flew 422,760 miles per fatal accident in the first six months of 1934, the highest figure in this category since the Bureau of Air Commerce began compilation of statistics on miscellaneous operations accidents in 1928. Miscellaneous aircraft operations include commercial (exclusive of scheduled air transportation), pleasure, instructional, and experimental flying.

For every accident, including both fatal and non-fatal, these operators flew 56,672 miles, which although not a record, compares favorably with those of previous reports.

The total number of accidents in miscellaneous flying during the period January-June, 1934 was 649, of which 87 resulted in fatalities. The number of miles flown per passenger fatality was 490,402, and the number of miles flown per pilot fatality was 540,885.

In all, 1,146 persons were involved in the accidents. Of these, 793 suffered no injuries, 132 suffered minor injuries, 61 suffered severe injuries, and 160 were fatally injured.

Causes of the accidents were divided as follows: personnel, 52.72 per cent; power plant failures, 16.25; airplane failures, 10.50; miscellaneous (including weather,

airport or terrain and other), 19.91; undetermined and doubtful, .62.

The study of the miscellaneous accidents with reference to violations of the Air Commerce Regulations revealed that there were 78 flights involving both accidents and violations. In some cases, more than one regulation was violated, and the total number of violations occurring in connection with the 78 flights was 107.



Nemuth parasol-type monoplane powered by a Warner Scarab engine of 110 h.p.

### Chance Vought Elects McClane

CHANCE VOUGHT Corporation, E. Hartford, Conn., announced the election of Joseph L. McClane, its factory manager, to the Board of Directors.

Mr. McClane, has been active in aviation for 17 years, beginning his career in 1917 with the U. S. Army Signal Corps as an engineer, later being transferred to the Air Service experimental station at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio. Subsequently he served with the Dayton Wright Co., Wright Aeronautical Corp., and Consolidated Aircraft Corp. In 1930 he joined the Chance Vought Company as Project Engineer.

### Two Beechcraft Delivered

BEECH AIRCRAFT Co., Wichita, Kans., delivered a Jacobs-powered Beechcraft to the Beeler Aircraft Sales, Inc., Curtiss-Reynolds Airport, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Beeler is a Beechcraft distributor and handles distribution in the Chicago area.

Mrs. Mable G. Clemson, Middletown, New York took delivery on a Jacobs-powered Beechcraft, the plane to be flown by Lloyd O. Yost of Middletown and Southern Pines, N. C.

### Taylor Plant At Full Strength

TAYLOR AIRCRAFT Co., Bradford, Penna., has more than doubled its personnel since the beginning of the year, necessitated by the steadily increasing number of orders received. At present, the company is turning out three times the number of Cubs produced last year, and is unable to make deliveries enough to keep up with orders.

According to W. J. Piper, Jr., company engineers are working on plans for a Cub with floats, which it is estimated will sell for about \$2000.

### Aldrin Returns From Abroad

MAJOR E. E. ALDRIN, head of the aviation department of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, returned to New York following an extensive European trip in the interests of the Stanavo Specification Board, Inc., the aviation affiliate of the New Jersey company.

Major Aldrin left last August and visited Germany, France, Italy, England, Holland, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries. In addition to taking part in his company's plans for servicing contestants in the MacRobertson Trophy Race, Major Aldrin represented the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America at the sessions of the International Air Transport Association, held at The Hague late in August.

### Operators Must Pay Utah Tax

THREE TRANSPORT companies lost their dispute with the state of Utah over taxes on gasoline they used. By judicial stipulation the state will receive approximately \$20,000 on levies accruing since September, 1930, the agreement providing for payment of the tax by the airlines in future without protest. The three companies involved are the United Air Lines, including Boeing Air Transport and Varney; Western Air Express and National Parks Airways.

The controversy arose September 15, 1930, when a district court decree enjoined the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer from collecting a tax on gasoline imported into Utah for use in airplanes operated in interstate commerce. The state tax commission then attempted to collect the taxes.

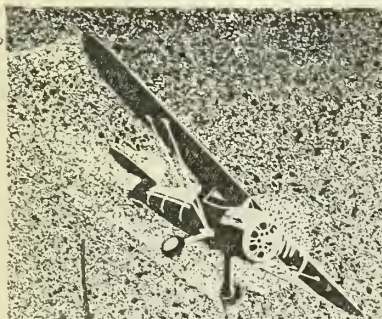
The settlement reached in Utah is based upon a decision handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court a year ago in a Wyoming case. The court held that imported gasoline stored in tanks could be taxed by the state as soon as it was removed from the tanks within the state's jurisdiction regardless of its use.

### Stanavo Buys Two Monocoupes

LAMBERT Aircraft Corp., Lambert Field, Robertson, Mo., has delivered two De Luxe model 90 Monocoupes to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. The Stanavo design trademark, a red eagle on a white background, will be painted on the under parts of the wings, cowling, fuselage and tail.

The planes are two-place cabin models with a top speed of 140 m.p.h. and cruising speed of 120 m.p.h. A 15-gallon extra fuel tank was built behind the pilot's seat, giving a total capacity of 43 gallons. Extra instruments include a turn and bank indicator, rate of climb indicator and sensitive altimeter.

Two more Monocoupes were exported to Seville, Spain, being shipped to M. Arteman, the company's representative in that country.



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**New Weather Service Started**

AIRMEN FLYING on many Federal airways can now receive weather forecasts for their courses every four hours by radio-telephone from Department of Commerce airways radio stations, through a new service started by 29 stations. It is in addition to the hourly radio reports of current airways weather now transmitted throughout the United States by the Commerce Department's stations.

Rex Martin, Assistant Director of Air Commerce in charge of air navigation, explained that forecasts may now be obtained at airports where there are Department of Commerce communications facilities which collect them from stations on the airways. However, it has not been feasible heretofore to broadcast them for the reason that it would require a longer interruption of the radio range beacon signals upon which airmen rely heavily during poor visibility conditions. These signals are cut off during voice broadcasts as both are transmitted on the same frequency. Now, arrangements are being completed to give the forecasts on another frequency so that they will not interfere with radio beacon operation. This will supply a service for which the Department has had many requests but has not been able to provide before this because of the problem of finding a suitable alternate frequency for the weather forecasts.

The forecasts will go on the air six times daily at 1:31 a. m., 5:31 a. m., 9:31 a. m., 1:31 p. m., 5:31 p. m., and 9:31 p. m., E. S. T., immediately following the regular 30-minutes-past-the-hour broadcasts of local weather. When the local weather report has been given, the announcer will notify listeners to turn to another dial setting for the forecasts. The radio beacon signals will then be resumed.

Stations which are now transmitting the weather forecasts are located at the following points: Amarillo, Tex.; Atlanta, Ga.; Bellefonte, Pa.; Big Springs, Tex.; Birmingham, Ala.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio; Ft. Worth, Tex.; Fresno, Calif.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Iowa City, Iowa; Jackson, Miss.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Kingman, Ariz.; La Crosse, Wis.; Little Rock, Ark.; Medford, Ore.; Newark, N. J.; New Orleans, La.; Richmond, Va.; Shreveport, La.; Spartanburg, S. C.; Springfield, and St. Louis, Mo.; Washington, D. C.; Wichita, Kan.; and Winslow, Ariz.

**Electra Production Increasing**

IN ORDER to fill orders for 23 Electras under contract, the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., has doubled the floor space of its factory at Burbank, Calif., and has increased its payroll from 150 to 600 employees during a period extending over

the last six months. The company is aiming at a production schedule of four twin-engined Electras per month.

**N.A.A. Elects McAdoo**

AFFAIRS OF the National Aeronautic Association will be under the direction of a new president, following acceptance of that post by Senator William G. McAdoo of California. Senator McAdoo replaces ex-Senator Hiram Bingham who served as president for the past six years.

Other officers elected were James H. Doolittle, vice-president; Louise Thaden, secretary and John F. Victory, treasurer.

**Radio Operates Typewriter For Reports**

TYPEWRITERS OPERATED by radio may be used on the Federal Airways System for dissemination of weather information, if experiments now being conducted by the Bureau of Air Commerce meet continued success. A radio typewriter with which the Bureau is operating an experimental circuit between Silver Hill, Md., and the Commerce Department building, has transmitted a weather map with tabulated weather data, in 7½ minutes, as compared with about 15 minutes required for accomplishment of this task by the wire machines now in service on the airways.

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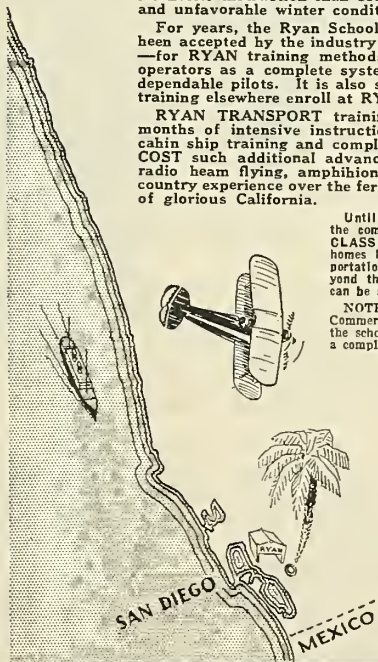
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### 13,812 Pilots, 6,798 Planes Licensed

ACTIVE DEPARTMENT of Commerce licenses on October 1, 1934 were held by 13,812 pilots and 6,798 aircraft, according to a study made by the Bureau of Air Commerce. These may be compared with October 1, 1933, when there were 16,176 licensed pilots and 6,992 licensed aircraft.

The decrease in the number of pilot licenses is due in part to the reversion of many private and solo licenses to the student grade when the private pilot requirements were raised and issuance of new solo licenses was discontinued. This is shown by the fact that on October 1, 1933 there were 9,056 student licenses, while on the first day of October, 1934 this number had increased to 13,456.

The total number of aircraft, licensed and unlicensed, of which the Department had record on October 1, 1934 was 8,542, while this number on the corresponding day of last year was 9,287. Unlicensed aircraft (bearing identification numbers only) totaled 1,744 on the first of October 1934.

Among the 13,812 persons holding pilots' licenses as of October 1, 1934 were 7,128 transport, 1,023 limited commercial, 4,999 private, 620 amateur, 11 industrial and 31 solo pilots.

California had more pilots and aircraft than any other state with 2,519 and 928 respectively. New York had 834 planes; Illinois, 562; and Pennsylvania 530. New York was second in pilots with 1,407; Illinois had 835; Ohio, 791 and Pennsylvania, 731.

### Approved Type Certificates Issued

THE BUREAU of Air Commerce of the Department of Air Commerce has issued approved type certificates covering three aircraft and five aircraft engines as follows:

Kinner Airplane and Engine Co., Glendale, Calif., Model Playboy R, a two-place closed land monoplane powered by a Kinner R-5 engine of 160 h.p. ATC 554.

Douglas Aircraft Corp., Santa Monica, Calif., Model DC2-115, a 16-place closed land monoplane powered by two Wright Cyclone SGR 1820F-2 engines of 720 h.p. each. ATC 555.

Stinson Aircraft Corp., Wayne, Mich., Model A, a 10-place closed land monoplane powered by three Lycoming R-680 engines of 260 h.p., each. ATC 556.

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp., E. Hartford, Conn., Model Wasp S3D1, a 9-cylinder, radial, air-cooled engine rated 450 h.p., at 2,100 r.p.m., at 6,000 ft. 80 Octane (Relisted to show altitude). ATC 128.

Pratt & Whitney Model Wasp S1H1-G, a 9-cylinder, radial, air-cooled engine rated 550 h.p., at 2,200 r.p.m., at 8,000 ft. Octane 83 (Relisted to show correction in model and altitude). ATC 129.

Pratt & Whitney Model Wasp S6D1,

a 9-cylinder, radial, air-cooled engine rated 450 h.p., at 2,100 r.p.m., at 4,500 ft. Octane 80. ATC 130.

Wright Aeronautical Corp., Paterson, N. J., Model Conqueror GV-1570F-2, a 12-cylinder, Vee (60°) liquid-cooled engine rated 675 h.p., at 2,450 r.p.m. Octane 87. ATC 131.

Wright Model Super-Conqueror SGV-1570F-d, a 12-cylinder, Vee (60°) liquid-cooled engine rated 705 h.p., at 2,450 r.p.m. at 7,000 ft. Octane 87. ATC 132.

## WRIGHT PLANE MAY COME BACK TO THIS COUNTRY

ORVILLE WRIGHT has indicated that he will reassign his original flying machine to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington if the result of an investigating committee's study is satisfactory. The plane is now in a British museum where it was sent when Wright objected to having Langley's plane called the first to fly.

### Straughan Company Sold

WITH THE purchase of the Straughan Aircraft Corp., of Wichita, Kansas, by Mark Kleedon, the company's manufacturing unit is being removed to Oklahoma City. Mr. Kleedon is president of the Black Gold Refining Co., of that city and plans to begin the manufacturing of planes as soon as possible.

Temporarily, the company will make headquarters at the Municipal Airport, pending erection of a building there. Ten demonstrators were brought to the city port under direction of Burrell Tibbs, and are housed in the municipal hangars.

The purchase and removal involve an expenditure of \$50,000, and the expansion program announced by Mr. Kleedon includes an additional \$50,000 when needed.

The proposed plant will produce one plane daily, and employ 50 men. The Straughan ship is a small two-passenger biplane, powered with a modified automobile engine, giving it a cruising speed of 90 m.p.h. and top speed of 110 m.p.h.

### 1,000th Controllable Prop Made

EIGHTEEN MONTHS after the first controllable-pitch propeller came off the production line at the Hamilton Standard Propeller Co., E. Hartford, Conn., the 1000th controllable was produced.

Some of the early models already have more than 2000 hours of service. The propellers have been used in military craft and commercial airliners both here and abroad and they are now on order for foreign lines in South America, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Germany, China, Poland, Switzerland, France and Japan. In this country they are used on six different lines.

### Martin Studying European Aviation

REX MARTIN, assistant director of the Bureau of Air Commerce in charge of air navigation, sailed from New York as an official American delegate to the International Aeronautical Exposition to be held in Paris.

In addition to attending the Exposition, Martin will study aeronautical development in Europe as it applies to civil and commercial aviation.

While in England he will also study the highly effective system of airport traffic control at Croydon, London's air terminal, which employs unique methods of directing aircraft in foggy weather.

He also will look into the development of the radio compass and the long-distance operations of Imperial Airways.

### Ten Vultees Delivered

AVIATION DEVELOPMENT Corp., builders of the Vultee transport with its factory at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., has completed and delivered the first group of ten passenger airplanes constructed for American Airlines and is well along in building the second ten for the same line.

Two other Vultees have been built and delivered to individuals.

### New Company Formed

WORKERS AIRCRAFT & Manufacturing Corp., plans production of airplanes and airplane parts or accessories in Baltimore, Md. The concern was recently organized by Joseph Catozzi.

### New Fuel For Aviation Use

TRI-METHYL-ISO butyl-methane, a pure hydrocarbon used as a yardstick to measure the anti-knock properties of gasoline, can now be produced commercially and will soon be available for compounding in aviation fuel, according to Frank A. Howard, president of the Standard Oil Development Co.

Perfection of the process to manufacture the chemical on a commercial scale will allow the industry to expand power and speed without danger of detonation, it is said.

For the past six years iso-octane, with an arbitrary rating of 100, has been the theoretical perfection toward which oil refiners reached in developing anti-knock gasoline. Iso-octane will make a 100 octane number fuel when mixed with ordinary aviation gasoline in 50-50 proportions with the addition of the usual quantity of tetraethyl lead.

### Norma-Hoffmann Appoints Agent

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# FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

## Australasia

A TRI-WEEKLY service between Sydney and Narromine, with stops at large western towns on the route, will shortly be inaugurated by Kingsford-Smith Air Service. Feeder services to the new line are planned, and twin-engined British aircraft will be acquired.

QANTAS, LTD., reported record bookings of passengers during the past few months with July being outstanding. More than 380 passengers were carried during that month in addition to 3,545 pounds of express. The company was unable to meet the demands of its customers and was compelled to turn away passengers and freight.

AIDED BY a strong wing, an Adas-tra Airways mail and passenger deHavilland Fox Moth, made a record flight from Bega to Sydney, flying the 210 miles in 90 minutes.

C.T.P. ULM and a crew, flying the *Faith of Australia*, completed a return flight from Australia to New Guinea carrying the first air mail to and from the goldfields. The round-trip took five days and demonstrated the feasibility of a regular service from Australia to Papua and New Guinea. Almost 40,000 letters were carried on the return trip.

BIDS HAVE been asked by the Commonwealth Government for an air transport service between Bourke and Adelaide, a distance of 590 miles. Aircraft must have a cruising speed of not less than 110 m.p.h., and be capable of carrying not less than 4 passengers and mail and baggage. The service is intended to provide a direct oversea air mail connection for the industries in Renmark and Broken Hill.

FOLLOWING THE acquisition of New England Airways by the British Pacific Trust, a new company was formed in Sydney. Plans call for the extension of the existing service between Brisbane and Sydney to Melbourne and

the inauguration of night flying. A schedule of 7 hours is the goal, and for this purpose, it is intended to purchase new planes capable of a speed of at least 150 m.p.h.

THE COMMONWEALTH Government has placed a Royal Australian Air Force amphibian at the disposal of the Administrator of the Northern Territory as an aid in his efforts to combat smuggling on the north coast of Australia.

THE AIRPORT at Cootamundra, the future distributing point for the Empire air mails, is being improved. A large area has been fenced off, the runways extended, the entire surface graded and boundaries wired for lighting equipment.

AN APPLICATION by Qantas Empire Airways, Ltd., for permission, when the oversea air mail service was opened, to extend its service to Sydney from Brisbane, has been granted by the Department of Defence.

DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS have been completed for a geophysical survey of North Australia, and bids for the work have been asked. The bids include the hire of all planes and personnel required, and also cover the photographic work. Special cameras are to be used for making a mosaic of the areas covered.

## Canada

THE TORONTO Flying Club recently held its annual field day with club pilots from Brantford, Kitchener and Kingston participating. Most of the prizes were won by members of the Toronto club. Judges were Capt. Pat Reid, Squadron Leader Geoffrey O'Brian and Ft. Lieut. Dwight Ross.

ONTARIO PILOTS have been busily engaged with a number of new gold rushes in northern Ontario near the transcontinental railway. With winter closing in on the northland, it was nec-

essary to supplement the train service into the new mining region with planes to fly in men, supplies of food, machinery and other necessities. During freeze-up it is impossible to fly in this region because the planes used are equipped with floats and the water is not open enough nor the ice heavy enough to withstand the landing of a ski-equipped plane. Pilots were making 20 or more trips a day into the region.

THE SISKIN fighters of the Royal Canadian Air Force will probably be replaced by more efficient equipment in the near future, according to Donald M. Sutherland, Minister of National Defence who also stated that the government expected to move the R.C.A.F. from Camp Borden to a new base at Trenton. The change is expected to take place this fall, but it probably will not be completed until next year.

TITLE OF best-all-round pilot in the Dominion was won by E. C. Cox of the Montreal Light Aeroplane Club who took his third successive victory and retained the Webster Trophy. Pilots from Vancouver, Ottawa, Montreal and Hamilton were entered in the competition and second place went to James Neeve, Toronto Flying Club, who received the Sully Trophy. Third place and the Richards Trophy went to George Lothian of Vancouver.

THE FIRST six emergency fields in northern Ontario, built as part of an unemployment relief program, were opened by Commander J. A. Wilson, Director of Civil Aviation who opened the field at Porquis Junction, near Cochrane, Ont., at the same time the other fields in that district were declared ready for use. They are the first of a number of fields being built as part of the trans-Canada airway, which is expected to be ready early in 1935. The fields in the Maritimes and eastern Quebec will be finished after northern Ontario and western Canada have been equipped.

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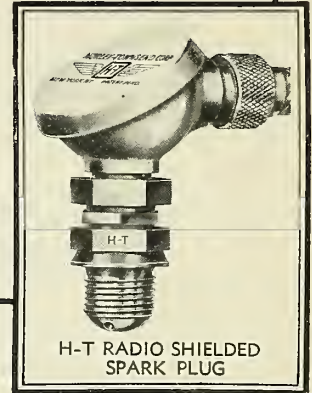
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## France

AN ORDER for 10 ambulance planes has been received by Marcel Bloch in addition to the 80 bombers ordered by the Government. General Denain, French Air Minister, has already announced contracts awarded for 110 Dewoitine single-seat fighters, 40 Amiot multi-seat attack planes and a similar number of Breguets; 55 Morane-Saulnier fighters; 50 single-seater Nieuports; 74 scouter Mureaus; 140 Breguets and 100 Potez scout planes. In addition, it is reported that a large order has been placed for Liore and Olivier bombers.

## Great Britain

A SQUADRON of ten Avro Type 626 military biplanes has been added to the Egyptian Army Air Force. The first squadron of similar aircraft flew from England to Egypt towards the end of last year and since then it has been engaged in patrol and reconnaissance duties. Each Avro in the Egyptian service is equipped for a variety of duties, including aerial photography, reconnaissance, light bombing and machine gunning.

DEMONSTRATION FLIGHTS at Hanworth airdrome, near London, of planes equipped with a new-type engine silencer have proved the possibility of abating a considerable proportion of engine noise without undue loss of power. The silencer is the first to be approved by the Air Ministry. It may be installed in the new Handley Page and Fairey bombers being built for the R.A.F. A noise reduction of 30 decibels was achieved at a sacrifice of about 2 per cent of engine power.

THE AIR SERVICE Training, Ltd., Hamble flying school, set new marks during 1933 when 6,428 hours were flown compared with 4,380 in 1932. Nineteen pupils qualified for the amateur pilot rating, 16 for the commercial pilot's license, six as ground engineers and seven for the government's radio operator license. Air Force Reserve officers who took refresher courses during the year numbered 209, while a considerable number of students took short courses ranging

from the advanced course for flying instructors to blind and seaplane flying.

ORDERS HAVE recently been placed by the Air Ministry for a number of Vickers *Vincent* general purpose military planes, specially designed for overseas service. The plane is noted for its load-carrying ability, transporting up to 4250 pounds in fuel, crew of three and military equipment on the power of one Bristol *Pegasus* engine. The *Vincent* is of all-metal construction with fabric covering.

SUCCESSFUL TEST flights of the new Comper *Streak* were recently conducted at Heston airport. The plane is powered by a 130 h.p. Gipsy *Major* engine and reaches a top speed of about 200 m.p.h. It seats one person and features a retractable landing gear.

DIESEL ENGINE production at the Napier plant in Acton is now under way on the *Culverin*, a 720 h.p. engine and the *Cutlas* which develops 550 h.p. The engines have six cylinders arranged in-line, opposed pistons and two crankshafts. They weigh about 2¼ pounds per horsepower, each.

TWO EXPORT sales were made by the Spartan company when it sold trimotored *Cruisers* to Bata's, the Czechoslovakian shoe manufacturing company, which owns and operates an airport at Zlin and to Aeropot, the Jugo-Slavian air transport company. The latter also signed an agreement to acquire the license to build the *Cruiser*. The Spartan *Cruiser* normally carries six passengers in a comfortable cabin, with powers derived from de Havilland Gipsy *Major* 130 h.p. air-cooled engines. Its cruising speed is about 118 m.p.h.

## Mexico

CIVIL AVIATION made outstanding progress in 1933, according to the Ministry of Communications and Public Works. Records reveal the transportation of 39,123 passengers, 126,585 lbs. of mail, 1,733,874 lbs. of express and 985,595 lbs. of baggage in 19,830 flights that covered 2,525,184 miles in 24,781 hours 43 minutes with 4,470 persons carried in December, the best passenger month of the year.

Air express did exceptionally well with the shipment of minerals and coffee. Cia Aeronautica de la Sierra, subsidiary of West Mexican Mines, carried 342,639 lbs. of minerals between Tayoltita and Mazatlan in 455 flights, and San Luis Mining Co. transported 277,082 lbs. in 616 flights.

The average regularity of performance on the air network was 94.33 per cent. Cia Aerovias Centrales, S. A., flew

96.97; Cia Aeronautica de la Sierra, S. A., 96.81; Pan American Airways, 96.36; Mexican Aviation Co. (Pan American Airways), 94.27; Cia Aeronautica de Sur, S. A., 94.20; Rutas Occidentales, S. A., 93.34; and Servicio General Aereo, S. A., 88.70.

## Norway

WIDEROE'S FLYVESELSKAP A/S recently was granted a 2-month concession to operate a passenger and mail service between Oslo, Christiansand, Stravanger, and Haugesund. If successful the service may be extended to Bergen. Savings up to 36 hours will be effected by the service which is scheduled to connect with train services.

A NEW land and seaplane base at Oslo to cost \$1,266,000 and to be finished in 1936 has been authorized. The city council purchased the land and authorized the expenditure of \$379,800 for the initial construction work on the project. Work started September 1 and 700 to 800 men will be employed there during the winter.

## Spain

SCHEDULED AIR services in Spain were maintained exclusively in 1933 by the government-owned Lineas Areas Postales Espanolas, successor of the old concessionary company which united private services into a subsidized organization a few years ago. The services are between Madrid and Barcelona (311 miles) and between Madrid and Sevilla (261 miles) and flights are daily in each direction. There were 222 licensed private pilots in Spain at the end of 1933 and 41 licensed transport pilots, as well as 96 licensed civil aircraft.

Traffic decreased in 1933 due chiefly to the 6-day-a-week service in 1933 compared with the every-day service in 1932.

The fleet consists of 3 tri-motored Junkers; 7 tri-motored Fokkers; 1 Ford; 1 Breguet; a Moth; and a Savoia seaplane. All the Fokkers and the Ford are in regular service.

## Sweden

MALMO AIRPORT traffic increased during the first half of 1934 as compared with the same part of 1933. The number of commercial aircraft clearing the airport was 1,738 compared with 1,400 in the 1933 period; the number of departures of military, school, and other planes dropped from 1,439 in the 1933 period to 1,135. The number of passengers increased from 3,970 in the first half of 1933 to 7,868 in the first half of 1934. Freight increased from 182,188 lbs. to 234,671 lbs. and air mail increased from 112,898 to 130,041 lbs.

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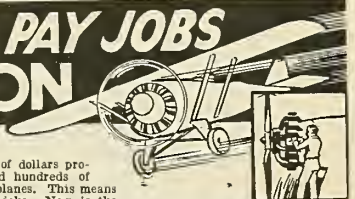
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They might as well have been salesmen for they were accomplishing a circuit of "prospects" such as no person ever has done in so short a time.

In Rio de Janeiro an example was furnished as to what North-to-South America commercial air transportation means. An Associated Press correspondent there wrote the following comment on the day after the arrival of the plane:

"Women here are using the lipstick and silk stockings shipped a week before out of the United States.

"Families are breakfasting on oatmeal seven days in transit from the American producer to their table.

"Ambassador Hugh S. Gibson is fingering a directory of the city of Washington which came, like other products recently, by airplane from New York.

"Foreign Minister Jose Carlos de Macedo Soares and his staff are turning over pages of American magazines and reviews as new here as they are in some parts of the United States.

"In Guanabara palace, Mrs. Darcy Vargas, wife of the president of Brazil, set up in a vase artificial flowers air-mailed by the governor of the state of Wisconsin.

"A firm here is exhibiting the latest sewing machine from the United States and advertising it 'sent by airplane.'

"Other goods brought in the first parcel post express air shipment include: Films, parlor games, medicines, books, dyeing materials, cotton shirts, phonograph records, gear wheels, a dress and current weekly magazines."

That list of events was regarded as spectacular by the Brazilian public, whose interest was real. But the mere fact that articles for sale had arrived quickly was not so impressive as the suggestion it gave as to commercial possibilities in the countries of Latin America.

United States business firms traditionally have operated on the theory of salesmanship to distributors. Commercial houses in general send out their men to call on prospects. They are travelers, living on the road. European nations which sell products in Latin America operate almost as generally on the principle of native representatives—that is, local salesmen who are permanent residents of the country in which they operate and do business.

Many observers in Latin America have expressed the opinion that the European method is more adapted to the Latin American market. The Spanish and Portuguese nations to the south do not always readily adopt North American methods of commerce.

But the air-traveling salesman is regarded in many commercial quarters as having a decided advantage over the resident representative in that the flier can keep in close personal touch with every new development at home and tell his clients about it almost simultaneously.

## UTILITY OF MODERN PRIVATE AIRPLANES

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There are any number of "Dr. Brocks" in the United States who, if properly approached, could and would be pleased with such light plane utility. Nor is the operation of the personal airplane confined to land operations. At the foot of Wall Street, New York City, a new municipal seaplane base has been established and from vantage points of a high office building, it is interesting to watch the arrivals and departures of many business and pleasure bound airplanes which use the waterways as their air trails. To make the trip from Detroit to the Thousand Islands by private boat necessitates a considerable outlay for comfortable equipment if the time necessary for such a cruise is to be enjoyed fully. However, to fly the same route by seaplane is but a matter of a few hours with an abundance of landing area and the maximum time

available for pleasure or business pursuits. While at the far end of the journey it is not difficult to visualize the thousands of points of interest to be visited, efficiently, comfortably and handily by seaplane along the Atlantic coast from the Florida Keys to Nova Scotia.

In contrast to such sports flying is the use of a light cabin airplane by a St. Louis, Missouri, company for the inspection of pipe lines over a five or six hundred mile area. In Eastern Texas, and throughout the southern oil fields, the utility of the light cabin airplane for pipe-line survey is evidenced in the fact that inspection flights are carried out in all kinds of weather conditions and over all types of terrain.

There are others too numerous to mention, but we picture and write about a few to substantiate our claim that—as silver in Mexico—the surface hasn't been furrowed as yet.

## PERSONAIRLITIES

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over the plane checking everything, and Whitbeck with glasses and fruit juice and ice and cigars and I don't know what all. When I asked for my bill, there was no bill. No, sir, I was a guest of my old pal Whitbeck for everything, and wouldn't I have another? Well, I would, just for old time's sake—and then I must be off. Time, tide, and the start of the West Indian Aerial Express waited for no man, and only a few women, and I had to be going.

It was then that Pink Whiskers implored me to wait over a day and fly this little load of mail to Havana. It wasn't important he said, except as a favor to him, but he'd appreciate it. Since that first trip, Pan American Airways has developed to be the largest airway system in the world. And the pilot who flew their first official mail trip got nothing out of it except hospitality. That just goes to show how smart old pilots were!

But getting back to Pink Whiskers, the old boy has been touring the world for the past year studying general aviation conditions in the leading countries of the world, and covering the development of new designs, both commercial and military, where possible, and the methods of procurement of various governments. He now knows how they do it in every country of the globe, and I hope he can sell all this information to some one.

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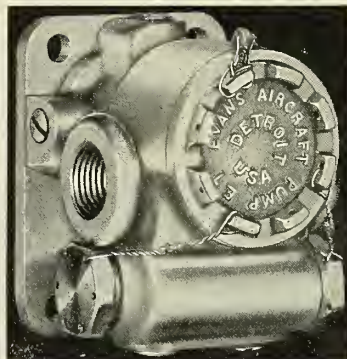
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## THE PUNCTURED GENERAL

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have occurred to them, but a younger man must have done it. Now, Watson, did you notice anything peculiar?"

"They're all peculiar," I replied.

"No, no," he said, "that isn't what I meant. Did you notice that we are short a general? Where is General Sir Douglas MacArthur, Bart., Chief of Staff? No, he isn't under the table, Watson—I've already looked there. But he must be somewhere about, for the General Staff doesn't dare do anything if he isn't around. He must be here. And where is that old wretch who showed us in?"

"There must be a dust closet somewhere about," Holmes muttered, opening door after door along the corridor. "Ah, here we are, Watson," he cried triumphantly as he threw open the door of a closet filled with mops, brooms and pails. Hastily arraying himself in a rather dirty apron and shawl, Sherlock Holmes took a grey wig from his pocket, clapped it on his head, seized a mop and pail, and left the closet disguised as a charwoman.

Just as we left, the ancient Quartermaster Sergeant appeared and looked at us suspiciously. "What are you doing there?" he asked harshly.

"Lor' lumme sir, you *did* give me a start!" cried Sherlock Holmes in shrill cracked tones. "Hi h'am just going in to clean Sir Benny's chambers, m' lud."

"Not now, not now," said the old servant sharply. "Clean this corridor first."

"Very good, sir," said Holmes humbly. "This gentlemun was just askin' me to show 'im Sir Chummy's room. 'Is nyime is Dr. Watson, 'e says."

"Yes," I said, taking the hint from Holmes, "take me immediately to Sir Chummy's chambers, my good fellow."

"Right this way, Dr. Watson," suddenly called the voice of Inspector Lestrade. "Quick, you're just in time to save Sir Chummy from an operation by Surgeon General Carver of the Infantry.

In a room at the end of the corridor I saw a light burning, dashed in, and there on a couch lay Sir Benjamin Chummy-Chumley Foulois, looking very bored.

"Ah Watson, my good fellow," he cried, "I'm glad to see you. This knife business is becoming damn monotonous—they're always knifing me, confound them! Pull the pesky thing out, will you, and stick a bit of adhesive on my ribs.

"Ah, hah!" cried Sherlock Holmes, coming into the room and tossing aside his charwoman disguise. "So it was the General Staff who knifed you, eh? I suspected as much!" He turned on the old Quartermaster Sergeant who had followed us, tore the wig and make-up from the man's face, and said, "Come out from behind that disguise, Sir Douglas MacArthur, Bart.

Sir Douglas MacArthur—for it indeed was him whose chief claim to fame was that he had recently sued two Washington newspaper correspondents for \$2,500,000 heart balm, on account of their writing something he didn't like—Sir Douglas looked miserably at Sherlock Holmes and said, "Mr. Holmes, could I have a word with you in private?"

"You can, Sir Douglas," said Sherlock Holmes, "but my friend Dr. Watson, who writes up all my cases, must be present."

"Very good," said Sir Douglas, bowing us toward a small room at our right. "Mr.

Holmes," he said, "the true facts of this case must not come out until the political necessity that has forced me to this extreme measure is past. Mr. Holmes, this case concerns His Majesty, King Franklin I, Emperor, by the grace of God and Jim Farley, of our nation. As you know, the Air Mail Fiasco backfired on him and something had to be done to get him out of the mess before the next election.

"The natural goat would be Sir Chummy or myself, and naturally I object to being a goat. What was to be done? After all, Sir Chummy is used to being knifed by the General Staff; as Chief of Air Corps he has been knifed for years. Not that we have anything against him, mind you, but the Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery and our jobs must be protected against the Air Menace. Mr. Holmes, I've taken over the Air Corps, myself. Sir Chummy, who unfortunately will recover, will attend to patching up our old planes and buying erasers. Besides, we won't give him any money. In short, Mr. Holmes, we've got the Air Corps where we want it, in our own personal control, and we can guarantee that it will be a harmless and pleasant activity. In fact, if we get a good offer from Cliff Henderson, we may sell it to him as an added attraction for his National Air Races."

"Sir Douglas," said Sherlock Holmes holding out his hand, "you may assure His Majesty, King Franklin I, that he will hear no more about this case from me. You, Sir Douglas, have acted as I would expect a General Staff officer to act. Watson, our work here is ended. After the election I feel sure that even Sir Douglas will not object if you include this case in your published memoirs."

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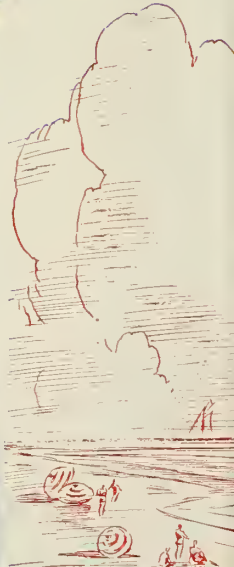
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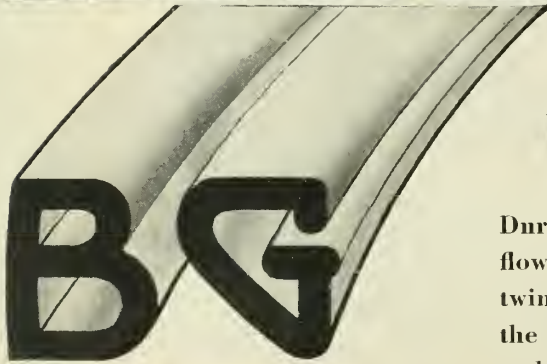
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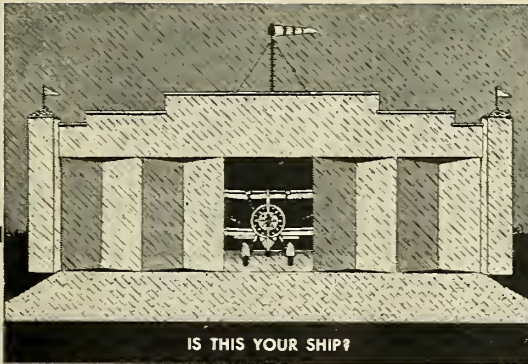
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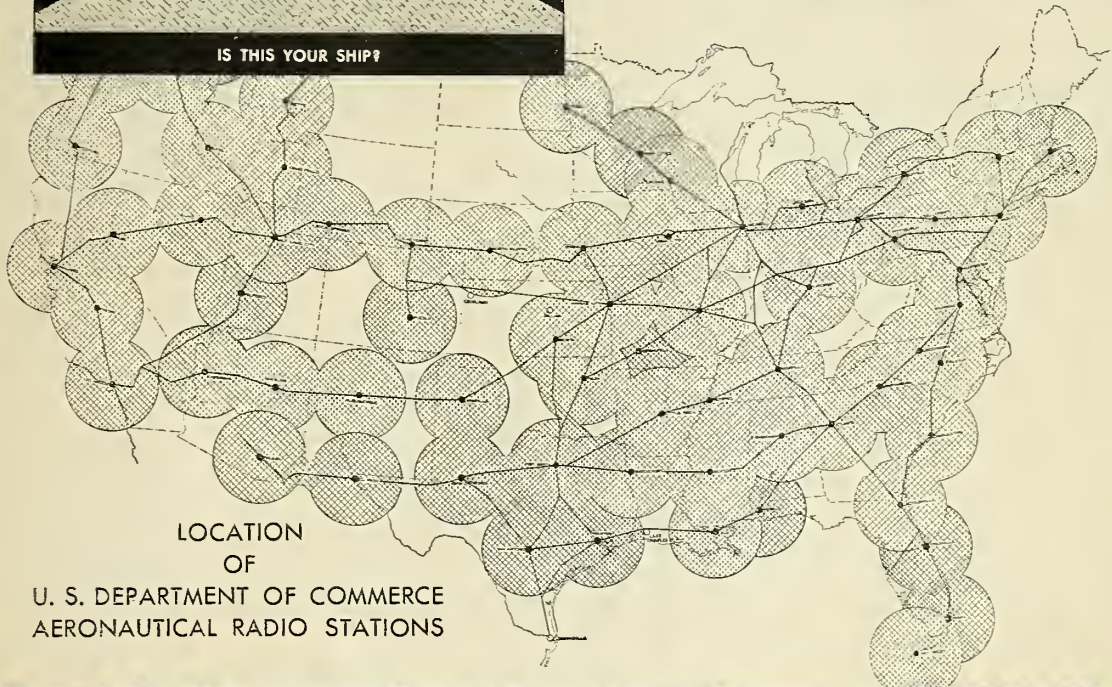


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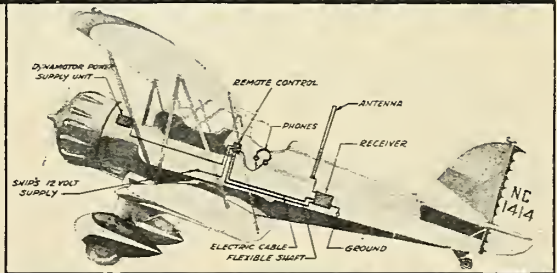


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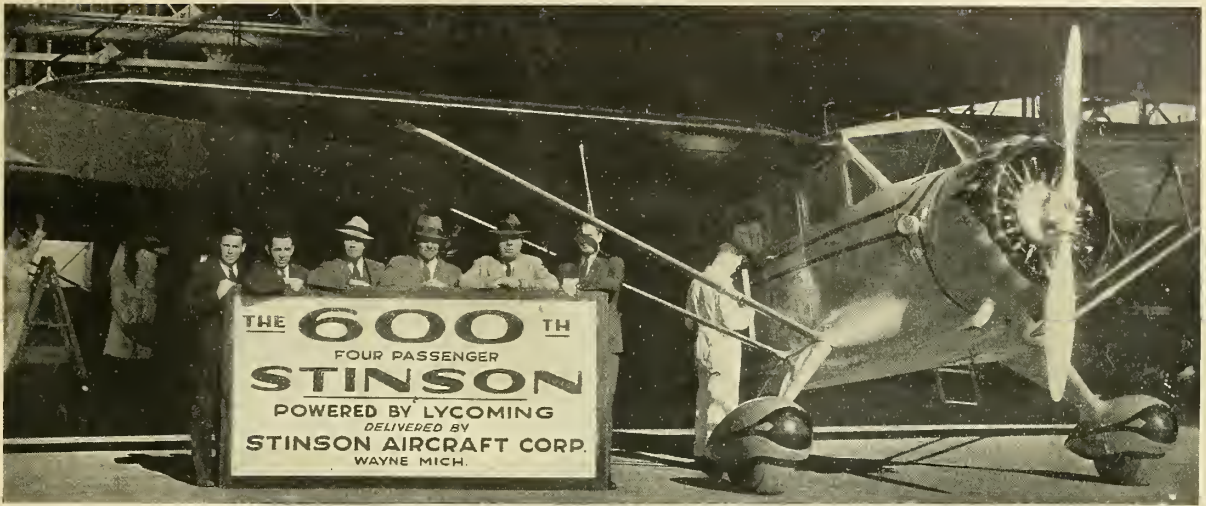
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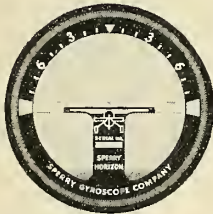
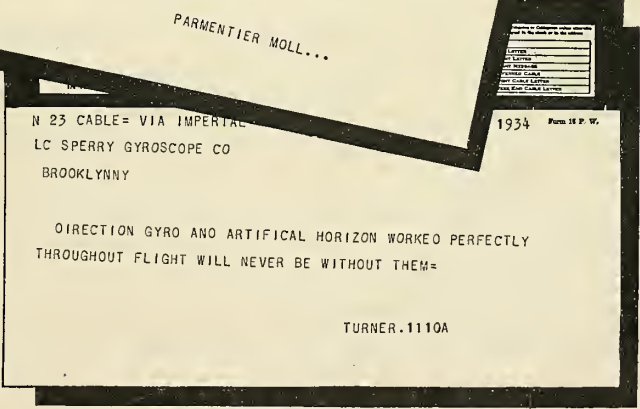
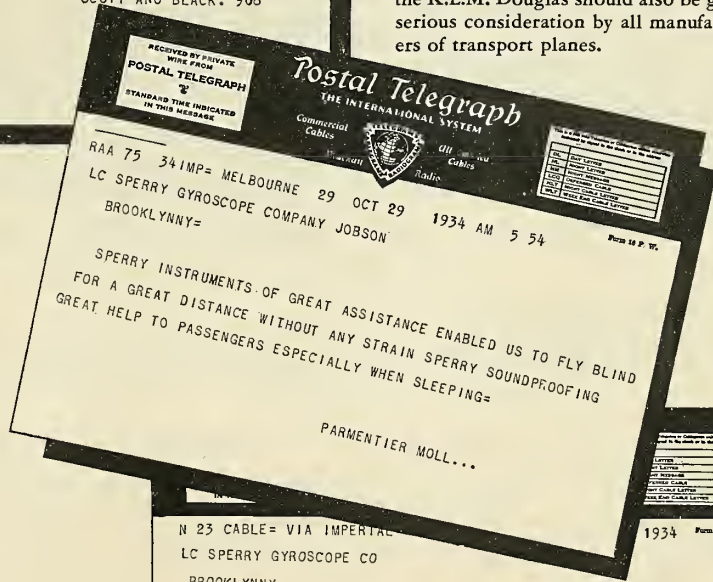
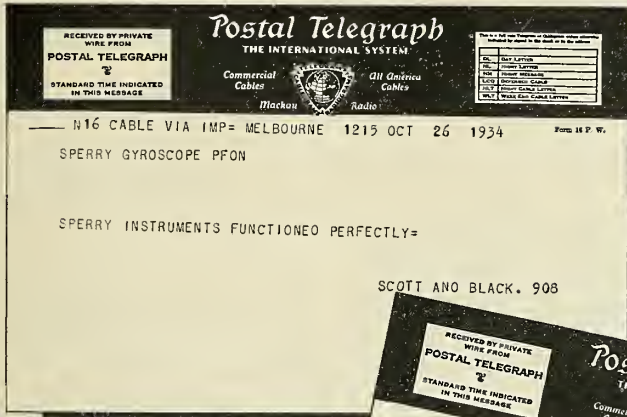


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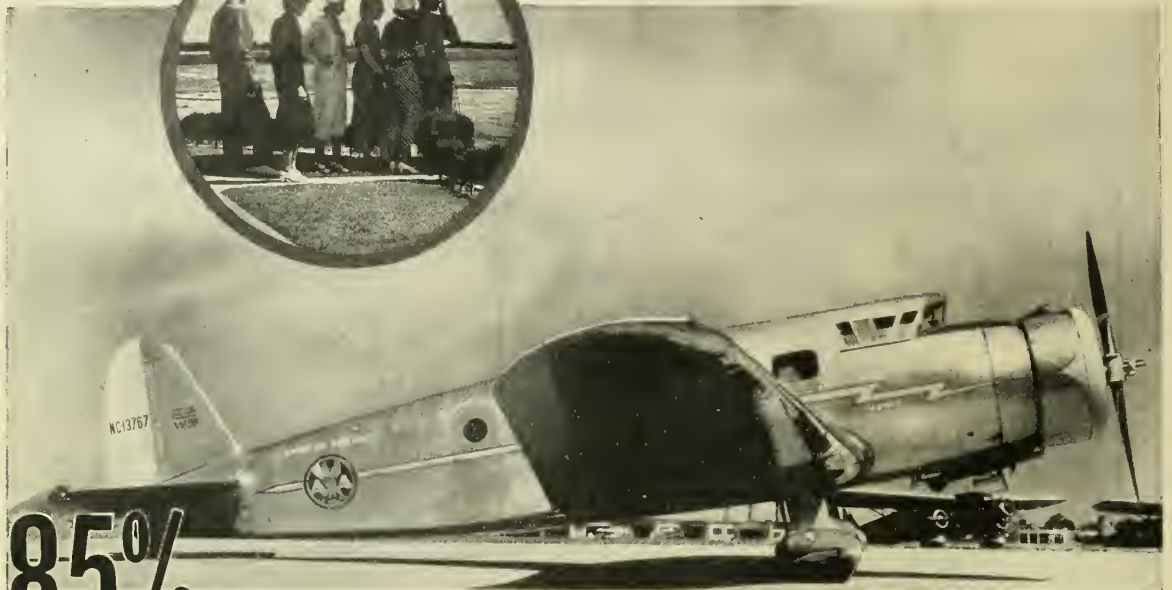


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# Export Volume and its Relation to Aviation Progress and Security

DONALD L. BROWN

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● Fully as important to American aeronautics as the air mail policy and the military procurement policy, has been the attitude of the military departments of the government toward the export of aircraft and equipment. The great importance of an adequate business volume, if research, experimental production and the opening of new commercial routes are to be continued, has rendered a sound and growing export business absolutely indispensable.

In this field also American industry has been preeminent. Foreign competition has been steadily supplanted in South America, Europe and, until recently, in Asia. American planes and engines are being sold in practically all the countries of the World. Foreign buyers are coming to our shores in increasing numbers. Our success has been based squarely upon the quality and the price of our products.

This export business is partly commercial, partly military. A few years ago most all aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, instruments, accessories, etc., which were exported were for military purposes. More lately the commercial requirements in the export field have grown to tremendous proportions, and it is hoped that, with a continuance of the former governmental policy, in the future they will far exceed strictly military requirements.

The increase in volume brought to the American manufacturing industry through the export market (military as well as commercial) contributes diverse benefits to this country:

1. This export volume is reflected directly in the reduced costs of aircraft products to our own government, as increased volume means lower cost.

2. It is reflected directly in American payrolls. For instance, the figures of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce show that the volume of export business done by the American aeronautical industry in 1933 amounted to \$9,227,821. This export business provided work and subsistence for thousands of American workmen and their families in many industries throughout the entire country.

3. This export volume also contributes substantially to the maintenance of an established American aeronautical industry readily available to meet the needs of a national emergency.

To what extent, therefore, do considerations of prompting international peace call for a curtailment of that market and the consequent narrowing of the breadth of foundation of our national preparedness? What practical furtherance of international peace would accrue from a policy of governmental prohibition of the export of aircraft and kindred products at the present time? The national and international interests of this country require that these questions be most carefully considered.

The following are too real to be ignored as potential results of a national policy prohibiting exports from this country.

In the absence of joint international embargo rigidly enforced, a policy of prohibition on the part of one nation might well result simply in an increase in the volume of exportation from competitive producing countries at the expense of our own national military foundations and economic welfare.

No prohibition of military aircraft could possibly prevent a country which desires to do so from obtaining samples or specifications and designs of American planes and building its own equipment or having some other country build its equipment from those samples, specifications and designs. Moreover, the State Department now permits technical observers of foreign governments and of foreign arms-producing plants to visit and observe the procedure of American manufacture in American plants.

Shall we by adopting a policy of export prohibition invite others to steal the technical excellence of our American product, and dump the benefits of American initiative and governmental cooperative aid into the laps of other countries and their producers?

Under our present patent laws, the price which an American inventor must pay for protection of the results of his ingenuity is a public disclosure to the world (through publication of the Patent Office) of the details of his invention. Every military secret, therefore, ceases to be a secret from the moment its inventor seeks legal protection. Under our patent laws our Government promptly publishes his invention and disseminates its details to any nation or to any arms manufacturer in the world who may be interested.

For this additional reason, prohibition

of the export of such military devices, even by joint international action, could not prevent the exploitation of American patents by foreign governments determined themselves to produce armaments, or to have their nationals or the nationals of other countries produce armaments for them.

The possibility exists of embarrassment to this government through its prohibition of export to a friendly nation which desires aircraft. Reprisals might well be provoked to the injury of this country's trade and foreign relations.

Moreover, might not joint international embargo stimulate countries which are not now equipped for armament production, to create and build up their own armament producing industries? And when built, they would naturally seek volume. Is it not possible that even joint action on the part of the great armament producing powers to the end of restraining export to weaker countries might, as a practical matter, initiate a new type of race in armament production facilities and even in armaments?

Most commercial aircraft engines, propellers, instruments, etc., are convertible to military uses with greater or less facility, depending upon the technical ability and industrial and financial resources of the country making the conversion and on the type of military operations to be undertaken by it. This, however, is equally true of almost any commercial product. Logically, if export of all aircraft were prohibited, virtually our entire export trade should be prohibited.

An isolated policy of prohibition would hardly achieve the withholding of aeronautical equipment from a nation deter-

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# Do the Air Races Help the Industry?

CY CALDWELL

● While we've never been especially secretive about the fact that the United States of America builds the world's fastest transport planes, it has taken a Scotchman living in Australia to prove it to the world in a spectacular, exciting and convincing manner. Of course I'm referring to Sir MacPherson Robertson and the 11,323-mile race from Mildenhall to Melbourne, which proved that while the English delight in building airliners that resemble the old family woodpile, they also can build the world's proved fastest long-distance racing plane to date—the D H *Comet*.

The MacRobertson Race provides plenty of glory and commercial advertisement for both England and the United States as airplane and engine builders, and both countries should be delighted with the results. It would have been even better for us if we had managed to produce a racer that beat the English; and it would have been better for the English if their other two D H *Comets* had captured second and third places in the speed race. But they can feel very happy that two out of three of these hurriedly designed and built racers, with so short a time to work the bugs out, made such a splendid showing; and we can feel delighted that two large standard American airliners, identical with others that shuttle back and forth across the continent every day, came in second and third behind a racing plane, and landed at Melbourne while the remaining contestants were yet strung out all the way from Greece to Australia, with one of them in jail.

The important fact about such a contest is that after the plaudits of the throng have died down, after the pilots have received their just rewards of cash and

praise, the aviation industries of their respective countries quietly dig in and try to earn some money. After all, it is a matter of only sporting importance, and very soon forgotten, that gentlemen named Scott and Black and Parmentier and Moll and Turner and Pangborn flew rapidly from England to Australia. Many other brave gentlemen have flown fairly rapidly from England to Australia—and to save my life I can't recall the names of half of them. I'm not belittling the sporting effort of these pilots, naturally, but it is a proven fact that personal fame is a fleeting commodity. What there is of lasting value, what of tangible return from these exploits, lies in what we may call the commercial residue.

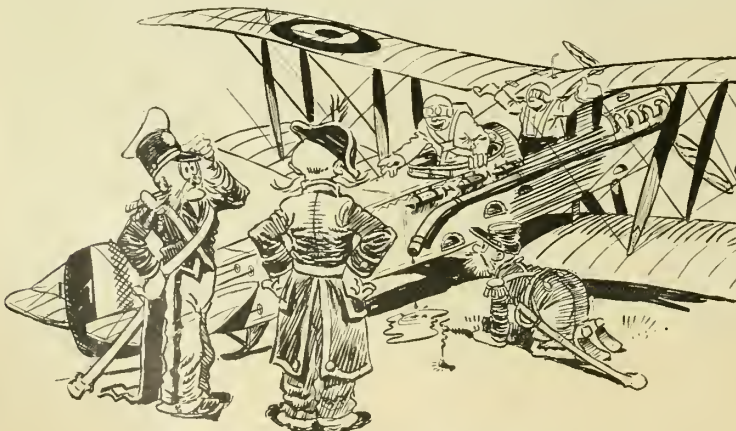
Two years from now mention Scott, and someone will say, "I haven't read his novels for years!" But ask the de Havilland Company how many airplanes and engines they have sold as a result of Scott and Black's flight and they'll tell you to mind your own business, likely enough. But the number of airplanes and engines, not only de Havillands but other English airplanes and engines that will be sold, will be enough to make the English aviation industry feel rather pleased with itself.

For a big win like that has far-reaching results; it tends to put the hall-mark of quality on *all* English aircraft products, and don't doubt it for a minute. Probably the English aircraft trade itself has no idea how much business has come its way as the indirect or perhaps the direct result of winning the Schneider Trophy for speed in 1931. But by dint of hammering into the consciousness of the world that England held the world's speed record—and there are no better propagandists than

the solid, stolid old Britons—English aircraft that could barely crawl were foisted on a credulous world. Many a military foreigner, seated in a stodgy British military aircraft with control wires on the outside of the fuselage and struts and braces glued all over it, can thank Mr. C. G. Grey and his propaganda mill that he isn't going fast enough to keep the spiders from spinning cobwebs across his eyes. Because Mr. Grey, taking full advantage of the publicity value of the Schneider Trophy, hypnotized the foreign buyer into believing that ALL English airplanes were so fast that you had to pour water on them while in flight to keep them from burning up with friction. Mr. Grey is the Houdini of the British aircraft trade—he puts his hand in a hat and pulls out a mass of claims that go scampering off in all directions, like a stage magician's rabbits. He really got them all out of that one *chapeau* of Mons. Jacques Schneider. English military airplanes are actually slower than ours—and most of ours yet in service are far too slow for this modern day. But give Mr. Grey just one fast trip by one fast Englishman in one fast English aeroplane, and in practically no time he'll have the world believing that English aeroplanes are so speedy that while in flight they are invisible to the naked eye.

But advancing age and the Temple Press have begun to mellow Mr. Grey. Writing in the *Aeroplane* about the MacRobertson Race he has been more than kind to American contestants, and very enthusiastic about our two transport entries, especially the Douglas, of which he has always been an admirer. Admirably fair, except when he is on a propaganda rampage, he gives the Douglas its place as the world's finest air transport, and says that the English should set to work and build an even better one. There is no reason why they shouldn't try, for aviation doesn't stand still; by that time Donald Douglas will have an even better Douglas, and Boeing will have a still better Boeing. Instead of building tomorrow's airplanes to-day, they'll build them day before yesterday. So it goes: nothing in aviation stands still, except possibly myself.

But getting back to our American side of the MacRobertson Race, let me mention again, as politely as possible, that at this time the United States really does build the very best, the very fastest, the most reliable, and the most economical-to-operate transport airplanes that you will find anywhere in the world. In fact,



Many a foreign air force fell for British sales talk

without any nationalistic boasting whatever, I hereby invite the world to send us pictures, drawings, and descriptions of transport aircraft that are the equal of any of the following airplanes in the single and twin-engined classes: the Douglas, Boeing, Lockheed, Vultee, and the Northrop, and we will give them publicity. Of these airplanes I have personal knowledge through having flown in them, and of having flown two of them. They are the world's fastest air transports at this writing, and I believe that it is going to take the world some little time to catch up. I don't say that the world can't catch up, for such a claim would be absurd: what one man can accomplish another man of intelligence can equal or surpass. But right at this minute the United States is far ahead in the design and fabrication of fast transports; and it is my belief that for some time to come the States will hold that lead.

In the matter of light aeroplanes the English are ahead of us, as the grand flight of Sq. Ldr. Malcolm MacGregor and Mr. H. C. Walker in a standard Miles Hark with Gipsy Major engine proved beyond any reasonable doubt. They are two fairly big men, yet in an open-cockpit plane with only a 130 h.p. engine they flew about 2,000 miles a day for five days from Mildenhall to Melbourne and knocked 30% off the record for light aeroplanes from England to Australia. However, a good big man can usually beat a good little man; and speaking for myself I wouldn't trade a Waco or a Beechcraft for all the little airplanes on the globe. The high cost of gasoline is really what has advanced the light aeroplane in England and other countries. An Englishman recently crashed his little aeroplane—he sat down suddenly and forgot that he'd put it in his hip pocket.

It seems to me that one important lesson we learn from the MacRobertson race is that, for all our supposed Yankee skill in the matter of ballyhoo, publicity, and advertising, a generous and sporting Scotchman has given our airplanes a more effective advertisement than we have heretofore managed to give them ourselves. Haven't we fallen down on our jobs? Why is it, in this large and sometimes prosperous country, that we haven't been bright enough to dig up a MacRobertson of our own? Or a Jacques Schneider? Or a Deutsch de la Meurthe? True, we have Vincent Bendix and the worthwhile Bendix Trophy; we have my friend Ed Thompson who gives the Thompson Trophy in memory of his father, Charles E. Thompson. And that is about all, except for prizes of lesser amounts donated at various air races. But we have nothing really big, nothing to compare in international publicity importance with the MacRobertson or the Schneider, now finished, or the Deutsch Cup. Can't some of us corral and rope a

sporting millionaire of our own? How about Mr. Ford?—Have we let him get away from us? Henry isn't very sporting, but Edsel is. And the duPont Dynasty—how about them? Henry, why don't you and Felix talk it over with the patriarchs and see what could be done? Are we going to let the foreigners put up all the big prize money in aviation, or are some of the home folks going to plough back part of their American profits in a new and coming American industry—just for the sport of the thing? Don't we raise any more rich American sports like the late Gordon Bennett who is remembered and respected, not for the money he made out of his newspapers, but for the cups and cash prizes he presented in balloon, airplane, and automobile racing? Surely *all* of our rich men can't be mere coupon-clippers—there must be a few good sports among them. It's up to some of us to promote these old boys and get them—and their money—with us. They'll get their money's worth, too, if they put up a really good prize for a worthy object. Who ever heard of Sir MacPherson Robertson until he aerated himself? Now, instead of being known only to Australia as a fellow who made chocolate drops, he's an international celebrity, held in affection and respect by millions of people.

Just as a suggestion, how about a prize that would make it worth while to hold a Tri-nation race next year, up to Canada, down our Pacific coast to Mexico and Mexico City, and back up along the Gulf of Mexico and through Florida and the Atlantic States? Or Rex Martin's suggestion of a race to and around South America? And make the race mean something for commercial aviation and the development of transport and private sport planes. Right now we have no single prize that in any way aids the advancement of commercial aviation, except the Bendix and possibly the Thompson; and neither one of those wins nor merits international publicity.

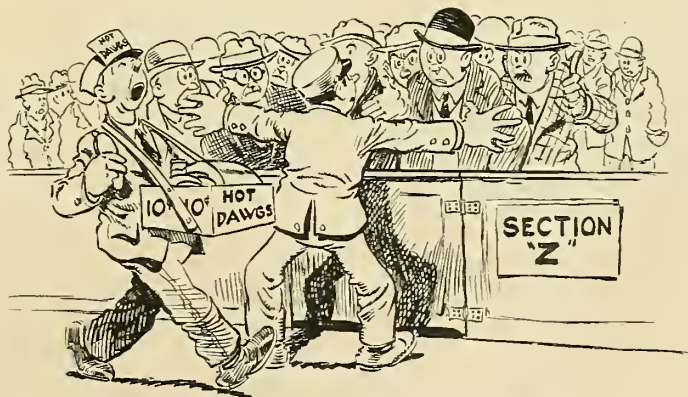
And how about the National Air

Races? Well, they're just a pleasant and amusing flop so far as helping American aviation is concerned. If you read my report about them in the October issue of *AERO DIGEST* you may recall that I wrote them up as nothing more than an Air Circus. They are not primarily races, even in the most liberal interpretation of the word: they are mostly an aggregation of parachute jumpers and stunt pilots, with show formations by the Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps. So far as selling American airplanes to anyone, even to our own citizens who attend them, the National Air Races are a complete and unquestioned wash-out.

What American commercial airplanes did anyone see except in a brief fly-by stunt of a few planes? What did the American public learn of speeds of commercial airplanes that anyone could buy and fly? The fact that racing experts like Roy Minor, Lee Miles, Art Chester, and Roger Don Rae are able to fly at 200 miles an hour with an engine tied to an ironing board is merely interesting to Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, U. S. A.—it doesn't help them decide to buy an American commercial plane. And what are we supposed to be promoting, if not commercial aviation, at the National Air "Races." And when it comes to that, how can you call it a race when the fastest machine gets out in front, the next fastest takes its place next, and the others string out in a line that you know certainly never will be broken in that particular trek around a course? This year there were only 15 airplanes flown by 16 pilots; they repeated over and over again in the various events. Each time before each race you knew who would be first, second, third, fourth; it was about as exciting as watching a parade of circus elephants, with each one holding the tail of the one immediately ahead of him.

I admit part responsibility for this dull and stupid condition: two years ago I advocated a plan to exclude A.T.C. planes in an endeavor to build up a racing cir-

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Oh for the many privileges of the hot dog vender!

# AIR

## Hot and Otherwise

● Where is the man who upset the apple-cart? For nearly six months now, the Federal Aviation Commission has ostensibly been busy picking up the apples which were strewn all over the road by the air mail cancellations last February. For three months, the Commission has been holding public hearings at which representatives of the Government and the industry have been presenting their apples for examination as they helped re-load the cart. But where, during all this time, has the man been who spilled the fruit in the first place? Where is the man who shouted, "Whoops, the apples are rotten! Heave 'em overboard"? Where is Jobmaster General Farley?

The Commission's open hearings are just about over, yet to date (November 26) Farley has not been called to the witness stand. Why not?

Don't forget—it was Farley who said the American air mail system was rotten and corrupt. It was Farley who said that the air mail contracts were annulled only "after careful and deliberate study of the entire situation." It was Farley who contended that the old contracts were "illegal" and that he had reams and reams of data to support that contention.

Well, where are those reams and reams of data now? It is the job of the Federal Aviation Commission to find out what, if anything, was wrong with the old air mail contracts. Without ascertaining that first, the Commission cannot logically determine upon a "better" air mail policy to recommend to Congress. Then why hasn't the Commission called upon Farley to supply that first premise?

Farley claimed he based his summary action upon "the records, books, papers, contracts and documents in the (Post Office) Department." He has never revealed what those "records, books, papers, etc.," contained except in glittering generalities and broad, sweeping accusations. It is the Commission's bounden duty to ask Farley to produce every last detail of evidence and give a satisfactory explanation of just how he interpreted it to support his un-American *modus operandi* of conviction before trial. If he cannot prove that his action was justified, the Commission should demand that he explain just exactly what he really had up his political sleeve when he cancelled the mail contracts. Unless the Commission does this, American aviation—yes, even all of American business—will never know how it stands when dealing with Federal officials who publicly boast that they have the power to throw government contracts out the window whenever political expediency moves them to do so.

### FRANK A. TICHENOR

Is the Commission going to whitewash the administration's political crown prince by conveniently forgetting him? Considering its fine handling of other phases of its assignment, we cannot believe that it is. Yet thus far Farley has played the hit-and-run driver of aviation, and gotten away with it. He collided with aviation last winter and left the wreckage scattered over the highway. The least he can do now is help clean up the mess, let alone give his version of the accident. If Farley's head-on collision with the airline operators was unavoidable, the Commission should know why so that it can devise traffic rules to prevent such disasters in the future. If it was deliberate, then not only the Commission, but the people of the entire nation, should know the reason the Jobmaster General steered headlong into one of America's most vital industries.

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If the Federal Aviation Commission fails to call Farley before the bar, its duty will not have been performed. No matter how well-conceived or how constructive its final recommendations, one omission or oversight of this kind will return to haunt it. Such seems always the fate of those who are chosen to make a thorough, impartial study and reach an unprejudiced decision on any great national question, and who fail to do so. Such is even now the miserable fate of the Baker Board.

In some respects, the Baker Board turned in a fine report with excellent suggestions for building up the material equipment of the Air Corps. But it committed the unpardonable sin—unpardonable, because those who sin knowingly are never pardonable—of trying to appease the gods of the military Olympus. And it was the will of those gods that for every pound of matériel a pound of morale be extracted. Today one of the ablest officers of the Air Corps lies in Arlington Cemetery to haunt the members of this Board for that sin.

Colonel Horace Hickham, commanding officer of Fort Crockett, Texas, died in his plane because the anti-air gods of the Army decreed that high-ranking Air Corps officers must be put in their place. They had made the terrible mistake of being too active in support of a separate air arm; they knew too much about the way in which the brass hats were hampering the Air Corps's effectiveness by

meddling with and confusing its organization. So their spirit must be broken.

The device which they conceived to administer this dose of poison was neat and apparently innocuous. The Baker Board "innocently" suggested that hereafter and henceforth all Air Corps officers with more than fifteen years' service must have their piloting ability passed upon by a specially appointed board. If they cannot satisfy these "inspectors," they must suffer the consequences by being dropped from the service or shunted off to a non-flying branch of the Army.

But what does this policy really mean? It means that the men with administrative experience in the Air Corps, the men of executive ability gained through long years of activity in military aviation, are being raked out of the Air Corps under the thin excuse that they cannot do the hard and varied types of flying that are essentially the work of younger pilots. This, despite the fact that everyone with common horse sense knows that any organization, be it military or civilian, needs two elements—one to direct, the other to carry out those directions.

Colonel Hickham died practicing night landings in order to satisfy the demands of this ill-conceived policy.

Fortunately, these mean tactics are not going unnoticed by the taxpayers who pay for the training and experience of such men as Colonel Hickham. Newspaper editorials and radio commentators are rising in wrath to tell them how their money is being misused. Particularly Boake Carter, over a CBS hook-up recently, rose to heights of indignation which carried the message of this mess to the people with a force and power which cannot fail to sink home. He summed up the whole sorry business when he said:—These older Air Corps officers "have spoken too frankly in support of air defense. So they are being ordered to do a young man's type of flying. The authorities well know that most of them will not get by. A neat, if shoddy, un-American way of gaining the ends sought.

"The (Air Corps's) directive heads are on the spot. Fly and fly hard or get out is the dictum. (The General Staff) betrays the fact that it thinks only in terms of chauffeurs and chauffeuring when thinking of air. It thinks nothing of organization. And so the elder men are risking their necks every day at various fields throughout the nation. Some may die. Some may be forced out. The Corps is losing its directing geniuses. The nation loses some of its best air officers. But a policy is appeased."

"If it had not been for Henry Ford's early interest, the interest of the Aluminum Company of America, General Motors, Boeing, Percy Rockefeller, Stone and Webster, Whitney and men of this calibre, it would have been years before the Government in its experimental stations could have brought about the advancement in military aircraft, types of structure, methods of design, and the things which have gone to make American aviation lead the world."—Reed Chambers, Vice-President, U. S. Aviation Underwriters, Inc.

## The Year 1934 In Retrospect

● As 1934 passes on, we reflect on the events that took place in our industry. No wild huzzahs can be shouted for some of the things that happened, but there are other events that long will be associated with aviation in 1934.

Among the latter, is the development of the Sikorsky S-42 and the Douglas DC-2, both extraordinary products of the ingenious American engineer and both record-holders of various marks in their particular fields. The entire world has saluted their performance and hailed their development, and it is particularly gratifying that the United States should have been the locus for their introduction.

Also 1934 will go down in history as the year in which American aeronautical exports reached new heights and in which we cemented our position as the leader of aircraft and engine sales to all corners of the globe. The noteworthy stamina and performance of our products have slowly but surely gained for us this coveted position in the field of world-wide commerce.

Aircraft and engine production have given encouraging signs of rising from the depths into which it had fallen and while no new highs were reached, the slow climb is indicative of better times in 1935.

This is the year that will be outstanding as the one in which the government did everything in its power to bring disaster to the industry. First we had the farcical cancellation of the mail contracts and the subsequent explainable failure of the Army Air Corps to fulfill its mission as a mail carrier; then came the obnoxious McKellar-Black air mail law which threatens to rob the transport operator of his initiative by the unscrupulousness of its terms and demands; then came the Nye munitions investigation and its resultant unfavorable publicity which even now is finding repercussion in loss of export business and finally came the assumption of control of the Army Air Corps by the General Staff. (God help it!)

On the other hand, however, the government has caused the construction of some 2,000 new airports and by its loans has made improvements possible on established fields that were sorely in need of them; it has promised to build up the army and navy air forces and has given

the industry an opportunity of being heard before a Federal Aviation Commission which will endeavor to straighten out the mess caused by the malicious meddling of petty politicians unfamiliar with the workings of the industry. All at the expense of the taxpayers. (God help them!!)

## English Speed First-Class Mail

● Here in the United States we like to consider our people the most aggressive, energetic and progressive in the world. We pride ourselves as being enterprising, shrewd and most businesslike, taking advantage of every opportunity and making the most of our chances. There are times, however, when reports of activity abroad cause one to wonder if our people really are progressive after all.

For instance, we think the English are plodders who get where they are headed, usually to find us there long before. This might be true in some cases, but it certainly is not true in some phases of aviation.

History is repeating itself. The Wright brothers had to go to France and England to carry on their development work after their ship had floundered at Kitty Hawk. Finding little encouragement from an apathetic public in their native land, they achieved recognition and acclaim for their efforts abroad.

Under a new internal air mail policy, the British Post Office, recognizing the value of aircraft in modern business, now sends all first-class mail by air, without extra charge. It has reduced the rates for postage on the empire routes and is encouraging transport companies to offer their services on several new routes. This despite the fact that the gain in speed is slight as compared to its possibilities in the United States.

While we were talking of all first-class mail by air in subdued and hushed tones, England has once again stolen our thunder and has actually instituted this service without fanfare, bereft of political influence and imbued with the desire to do everything in her power to help British aviation.

If this is evidence of typical American business progressiveness in availing ourselves of aviation's possibilities, then the air mail's Patron Saint is Jim Farley!

## Another Achievement

● The Pacific coast and the Atlantic seaboard have twice this year been brought closer. First, Roscoe Turner flew a special racing machine across the continent in 10 hours 2 minutes, the fastest ever between the two oceans. Then Col. Eddie Rickenbacker brought a Douglas transport from Los Angeles to New York in 12 hours 3 minutes to establish a new transport plane record for the distance.

It is significant that a standard passenger plane, carrying two pilots and four passengers, should come so close to the mark held by a special racing plane with a special engine. Given a better break in the weather, it is entirely conceivable that the Douglas could have equalled or bettered the all-time mark, carrying to even greater heights the acclaim it received for its splendid showing in the MacRobertson Race. One of our English contemporaries said most of the world has gone "Douglas crazy," and having seen the plane in flight and talked with the completely-rested men as they stepped from their plane at the end of the long transcontinental trip, one must be impressed by the fine advancement in American aeronautical engineering and ingenuity.

## Let Us Honor the Wrights

● Aviation has made phenomenal progress since 1903 and continues to make forward strides year by year. December 17, the thirty-first anniversary of the first airplane flight is an appropriate time to inaugurate plans for an annual "Aviation Day."

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We fortunately have an opportunity to pay public tribute to the genius of Orville Wright as the living symbol of the Wright family's illustrious contribution to mankind.

# Personalities



● THREE FAMOUS organizations are noted for always getting their man—the Northwest Mounted Police, the Marine Corps, and Mae West. So far I've had actual demonstrations by the Mounties and the Marines. Some 12 years ago I flew a Mounted policeman, minus his horse, up to a place called Berens River, in Manitoba, where he got his man, an Indian who had done a bit of plain and fancy carving on another Indian. He was only a small Indian, and he came along very quietly, looking rather fed-up, but anyhow, he was a man and the Mounties got him, just as they do in the films.

And then the Marine Corps, which never fails to get their man unless he happens to be named Sandino, gave me a demonstration only last summer, through the courtesy of 1st Lieut. Walter Amory, Executive Officer of Observation Squadron 6 of the Marine Corps Reserve, who took me up with him in a Curtiss Hell-Diver from Floyd Bennett Field. We went up to shoot a few holes in a large towed target, and made several practice dives at the thing, while I sat in the gunner's seat enjoying myself immensely. I've never done anything like that myself, so I got a great kick out of feeling us whip around and dive down toward the water, pull out, and zoom up at the target, and just miss it by a few feet as the towing plane dragged it past, and we soared on up and away, with a hey-nonny-nonny and a hot-cha-cha. Well, we did this several times, apparently getting more and more confidence with each passing moment, until finally we flew right through the target, wrapped it around the center section, hung shreds of it on a gun fixture, and draped the rest of it around the rudder and fin.

Of course, I know that these Marines are wild fellows, but something told me we weren't supposed to do that. Besides, I was wondering if the section of cloth target wedged in between our rudder balance and fin was much of a benefit to the flying qualities of our Hell-Diver. I touched Amory on the shoulder and pointed out to him the slight change he had made in the Curtiss company's original design, while I unbuckled my seat belt and got ready to transfer to the Irvin, in which I suddenly felt a great interest and affection. The bold Ma-

*by Caldwell*

rine, however, merely shrugged his shoulders, moved his rudder back and forth to prove he still had control of the situation, and flew on his way rejoicing—like Smedley Butler when he manages to get his name in the papers.

All of which goes to prove that Walter Amory is quite a marksman and that I'd better keep out of Marine cockpits if I don't want to be half scared to death, which is a strain on an old man of my years. This Demon Destroyer of towed targets was born in Walpole, N. H., in 1899, educated at Riverdale School and



Lt. Amory, U.S.M.C.

Groton, but learned so little that in 1917 he enlisted as a cadet in the Royal Flying Corps, Toronto. After training in Canada he was commissioned 2nd Lieut. and posted to 79 Squadron, Texas, for duty. There he was discovered stunting a JN 4, which was positive proof that he was ready for overseas. Anyhow, the C.O. thought it well to get rid of him before he used up a Jennie, just playing, so the summer of 1918 found him at Shoreham, England, for S.E.5 instruction, which he took aboard, then was posted to Pilots' Pool, and hence to 32 Squadron, Arras. He was now actually in the war, and nothing could be done about it. After he swung into the routine of two offensive patrols daily, with an occasional dash of bombing escort duty, he began to wonder, like many another youngster of 18, how he'd ever come to get himself into an exposed position like that, with low-

browed Archie wallahs hurling shells at him from the ground almost continually, and other young gentlemen in Fokker D 7's shooting at him every now and then just to break the monotony.

One day coming back from offensive patrol an Archie burst near by, and by an odd coincidence the water temperature gauge rose until the pointer hit the pin, which is not one of the approved positions. Conserving the Hisso's flagging energies, Lt. Amory throttled back, losing altitude and his formation with distressing rapidity. He recalls the lads in grey looking up and pointing things at him, such as Spandaus and Mausers, as he coasted over the lines; then he passed over the boys in khaki, who waved encouragingly as they listened to his knocking Hispano; but he kept on going, past trucks moving up to the lines with ammunition and supplies, and finally sat down on an emergency field, with a gash in the radiator and no water left, except the beads of perspiration that were mantling his brow.

On a later occasion his squadron was escorting a DH 9 bombing formation over Mons, a charming Belgian town where the British Army had paid a brief visit in 1914, but had left because of the low social state of the place when a lot of German tourists moved in, carrying their lunches, which consisted largely of bottled beer and blutwurst sausage and hand grenades, all of which are rather obnoxious to a cultured Briton. Well, these German tourists were still below, and the DH 9's were dropping flowers and so forth on them, with the S E squadron sailing along somewhat higher, and at about 15,000 feet above the happy tourists, who of course were shooting up Archie with gay abandon. And all the while a nice 15-plane squadron of Fokker D 7's was sneaking in on the bombers, just in a spirit of good clean fun such as you encounter in these wars.

"My flight was above the Fokkers," writes Amory, "when Socko! the Captain dives. The Captain picks the leader of No. 1 flight and I line up No. 2 in my sights and hold him there until I thought my prop would cut off his fin. Then I let the poor fellow have it and pulled up and around to see him spinning down dizzily. I could zoom up to about the level of their top flight, which wasn't

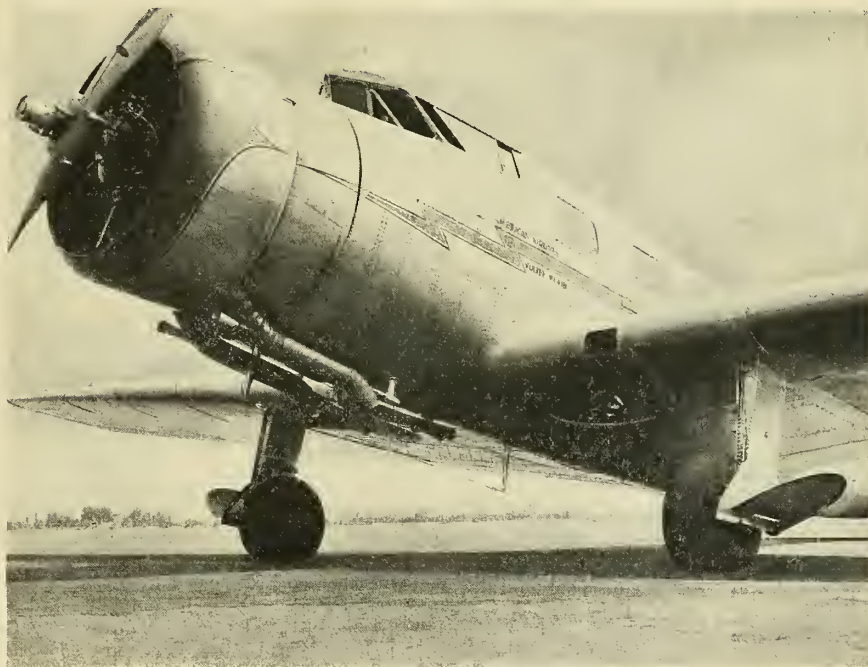
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enough, and then I was in for it—ring around the mulberry bush. Finally someone sneaked up unexpectedly under me and let go. The engine stopped some of it, and then stopped itself; and my leg stopped one. That ended my career *over*. Hunland and began it *in* Hunland. Dog-fighting with a dead prop is quite a stunt."

Amory spent the next few months in German hospitals, seeing and hearing people die, principally from lack of medical attention, because in war nations devote more effort to mangling than to medicine. In fact, all of us spent so much money killing each other in the last war that we've found ourselves short of funds recently to send more missionaries out to China to civilize the Chinese and drag them up to our level of culture. Amory got so cultured in the war that after he got patched up he entered Harvard in 1920, and graduated in 1924 with such a high polish that there was only one thing for him to do—enter the great Boston firm of Lee, Higginson & Co. as a bond salesman, which he did in 1926, staying with that group of trusting bankers until Mr. Kruger, the Ponzi of Sweden, took them over the hurdles for a high dive into bankruptcy in 1932, proving that big bankers can be just as dumb as the rest of us who bought Cities Service. In 1931 Amory had joined the U.S.M.C. as a 1st Lt., so when high finance failed he got a year's active duty with the Marines at Quantico. He is now customers' man with Post & Flag, New York, and undoubtedly will be rich just as soon as President Roosevelt leads us to that prosperity he used to mention before we elected him.



● WRITING OF the career of Howard F. Rough, Supervising Aeronautical Inspector of the Fourth Inspection District of the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Air Commerce, gives me the opportunity to pen a tribute to a group of pilots who are doing a splendid job in aviation. They don't often get their names in the papers, and they don't do any grandstanding or take part in any spectacular flights, but day after day and year after year they just keep on doing their jobs, keeping a firm guiding hand on aviation's destinies and doing it with minimum friction and maximum understanding. Acting as policemen, judge, and juries, from whose decisions there is no appeal, it would be easy for the Department of Commerce Inspectors to nourish a police court superiority complex; but they have never done this. On the contrary they have remained human and haven't tied aviation up in red tape. With their safe and sane control they have tamed the wildest: when they found one they couldn't tame, they grounded him until



Howard Rough

he cooled off and lost the wild glare of the inadvertent suicide. I wouldn't be surprised if the Department Inspectors have saved almost as many pilots as parachutes have saved. Yes, they're a fine group of men, and to know about their work is to admire them for the way they do it. And you know the Director of Air Commerce himself, the old Mahatma Eugene L. Vidal—he's working out very well too. For a government official to even stay sane down there in Washington is no mean feat, because Washington these days is so full of loonies that after a while even sensible people begin to doubt their own sanity and start acting like Congressmen.

Howard Rough was born in St. Joseph, Mo., on Jan. 31, 1891. This was the only important event in the history of St. Joseph, Mo., since April 3, 1882, when the Ford brothers shot and killed Jesse James. When Howard was four his family returned to Montreal, his father's birthplace. There Howard went to school until the age of 16 when he was sent to Ridley College, St. Catharines, Ont., and graduated in 1908 with good marks on the football and hockey squads. He could also read and write, more or less. He then enrolled in the University of Toronto, School of Practical Science, but they couldn't do much with him. They'd impart some scientific fact to him, but next day it wouldn't be there. After awhile it occurred to the faculty that there wasn't much use in filling Howard up with science every day, only to have it evaporate while he slept.

That being the case there was nothing for him to do but enter business, so in 1909 he got a job with the Oldsmobile Co. of Canada in sales and service work. The sales were not large, and the service was something less than half of that: all 1909 cars were guaranteed to get around the next corner, only. Howard soon transferred to the E. M. F. Co. as a racing driver, campaigning the Canadian fairs for two seasons, breaking several records and a picket fence and his racing car on the Exhibition Track at Toronto. He decided that he'd last longer if he merely sold the things. He lasted, but not as a sales manager, for at Vancouver in 1913, the E. M. F. Co. decided to struggle along without him and his sales record of one car a month. He went to San Francisco, spending the next year

and a half selling Fords to the innocent motorists of those days, all of whom developed tremendous shoulder muscles from cranking. In fact, prizefighters of 1913 trained on Fords, building up immense hitting power.

Late in 1915 Howard favored the Willys Overland Co. with his high powered sales technique as factory representative at Indianapolis and later at San Francisco, where he suddenly found himself sold down the river as a married man, a fate that is continually overtaking gay bachelors, even to this day. He would have become a standard married man right then, but the war intervened to give him a two-years' vacation from family cares. He signed up and upon graduation from the School of Military Aeronautics at Berkeley late in December, 1917, proceeded to Rockwell Field, was put through the mill, and emerged as an instructor. In June, 1918, he went to March Field as an acrobatics instructor and soon after received orders for overseas with James (Autogiro) Ray. They landed at Issoudun and ran slap into the mud and Senator Bingham. There Howard stuck to instructing until the Armistice came to his aid, when the Army let him go home to explain to the folks why he wasn't plastered with medals.

In 1922 he loaned a friend a few dollars to help him out on a Texas oil deal, and was startled to learn that almost over-night his profits were several thousand per cent. With this capital he decided to become a conservative business man and embarked in the contracting business in Berkeley, Cal., and in the next several years constructed several apartment houses and some 50 individual houses. He even got paid for some of them. One purchaser traded in an old Jenny on a house; that was in 1926, and marked the beginning of the decline of one contractor. In 1927 he disposed of the remnants of his contracting business and joined Clarence Young's staff of inspectors the following spring. This was in the early stages of the Department, and when districts were laid out Howard Rough was made Supervisor of the Fourth District with headquarters at Detroit. Meanwhile his former partner in the oil business stuck to oil and is now rated several times a millionaire. But aviation is supposed to be more fun than the oil business.

Howard spent two years in the Washington office as Assistant and occasionally Acting Chief of Inspection Service, but returned to field work and his old post in 1931, where he's been ever since. He has over 3,000 hours in some 52 different types of ships. Considering the 17 years it has taken him to accumulate that time, it's no wonder he occasionally is nonplussed when last year's private or limited commercial pilot presents a log book showing more hours than that.



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# PRIVATE FLYING and CLUB NEWS

## College Glider Clubs Active

RENEWED ACTIVITY among the various glider clubs organized at many universities, colleges and schools throughout the country is evidenced in reports from a number of institutions.

At Kent, Ohio, the Kent State Glider Club is preparing to compete with neighboring college clubs in a glider meet by getting additional time in its newly reconditioned ship.

More than 62 flights have already been made by members of the Case Aero Club of the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, in the Waco glider from Collinswood Glider Field.

A new glider club has been organized at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa., and it is planned to purchase a glider which will be entered in the national meet at Elmira next year.

Students at Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, already have purchased a glider and are flying from the Greendale Farm, near their city, using the auto-tow method of launching, while at the University of Cincinnati, activities were renewed after a lapse of a year. The club owns three gliders and is perfecting a light-weight radio for glider-to-ground communication.

## Second Oklahoma Tour Completed

THE SECOND State Air Tour sponsored by the Aviation Club of Oklahoma City was completed, bringing to a close the dedication of 44 CWA airport projects in the state. There are now about 75 projects available in Oklahoma for emergency or regular landings.

More than 300,000 persons greeted this second tour of 41 planes, which, headed by Moss Patterson, president of the club, visited 10 cities during the two-day trip.

## 21 Planes In Arkansas Tour

THE SEVENTH Annual Arkansas Air Tour ended at the Arkansas Municipal airport after one of the most successful trips ever held. Almost perfect flying weather prevailed during the two-day flight and large crowds gathered at the airports to greet the planes.

The tour left Fort Smith and flew to DeQueen. From there the squadron of 21 planes flew to Texarkana. The feature event, a bandit hunt, was held between Texarkana and Arkadelphia, while at the latter city, a bombing contest was won by M. L. Short of Newark, N. J., a representative of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, who was flying a Monocoupe.

## Aircraft Feature Drive

AVIATION MANEUVERS were a feature of the events which marked the launching of the Community Fund drive in Baltimore, Md. A fleet of fifteen pri-

vately-owned airplanes, under the leadership of Lieut. Col. W. D. Tipton, aviation officer of the Twenty-ninth Division, executed formation flying over the downtown section.

## 64 PLANES PARTICIPATE IN TREASURE HUNT

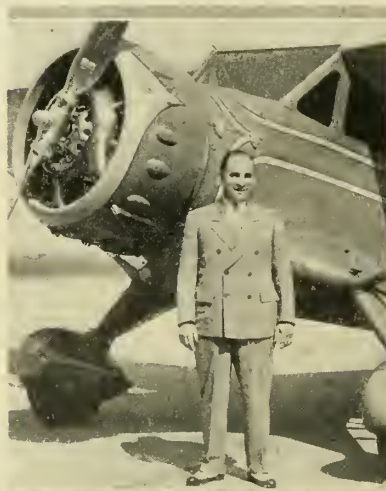
ONE OF the largest entries of aircraft for an aeronautical contest assembled at Holmes Airport, New York, when 64 planes participated in a Treasure Hunt while about 4,000 persons watched. The planes flew to airports within a 30-mile radius where various items were picked up and flown back to Holmes Airport. John Biusio won first prize and \$250 of the \$600 donated by Mrs. I. J. Fox.

## Business Man Flies 99,782 Miles

MILTON REYNOLDS, president of Reynolds Appliance Corp., Chicago, Ill., up to September first of this year logged 800 hours and flew 99,782 miles in his Stinson Reliant while on business trips for his company.

Within a year he made three transcontinental trips, two round-trips from Chicago to Mexico, two to Miami, sixty over the Allegheny Mountains and four to Canada. He has landed at least once in every important airport in the United States, and is now planning a transcontinental trip which will take him to Detroit, New York, Richmond, Miami, New Orleans, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Winnipeg and back to Chicago in about 10 days.

Although able to take the controls, Reynolds employs Gus Palmquist as his pilot.



M. Reynolds and his Lycoming powered Stinson Reliant

## Aero Club Forms Aviation Committee

A STATE aviation committee is being established by the Birmingham Aero Club to provide Alabama with an active, coordinated aviation group, state-wide in composition, that is directly interested in aviation and can give specific attention to the state's aviation requirements. This committee will be composed of one representative from each town with an airport, either built or under construction.

Such a committee, it is felt, can render service to Col. Sumpter Smith and his air park program; to Col. Theodore Swann, State Aviation Commissioner, and to others engaged in developing aviation in the state. It can also cooperate with various towns in their aviation projects; can work for better air mail and airline facilities; and can give attention to many other details that affect aviation.

Officers of the club are: President, Asa Rountree, Jr.; vice-presidents, Edgar Stanford, Hayden Brooks, John Donaldson and Miss Blanche Toney; secretary-treasurer, D. E. Denney. The board is composed of 16 persons who are active in Birmingham aviation, while an advisory committee of 27 is made up of prominent business men and public officials.

## 32,000 See Wisconsin Shows

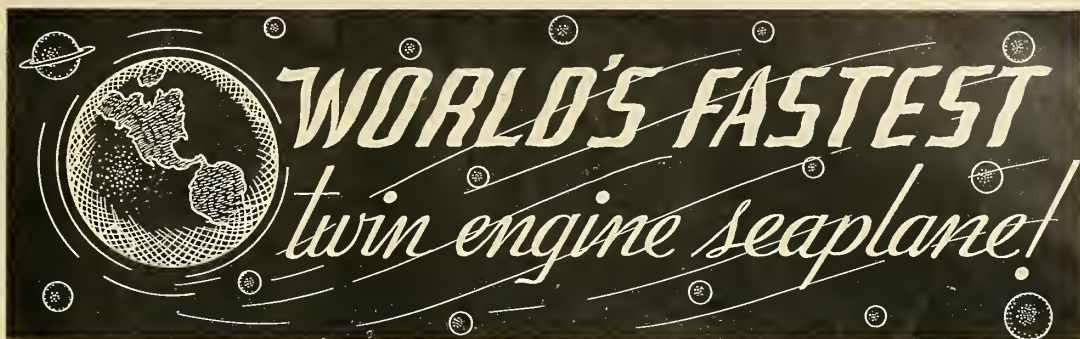
AN AIR circus sponsored by the Morris O. Togstad Chapter, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, attracted more than 2,000 persons to the Madison, Wis., airport. Featured in connection with the show were S. J. Wittman, Oshkosh, who flew his monoplane at a speed of more than 200 miles an hour; Glenn Edward, parachute jumper; O. G. Corben, manager of the airport, who gave a bombing exhibition; Virginia Whittelsey, Sam Griesmer, Merle Buck and Harold Anderson, who raced.

Approximately 30,000 people were attracted to the Curtiss-Wright airport near Milwaukee to view the two-day Continental Air show sponsored by the Milwaukee County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## Gov. Horner Dedicates Ports

GOV. HENRY HORNER of Illinois flew to be present at airport dedications on two successive Sundays. A squadron of 13 planes called at four airports on the last Sunday in October. At the airports of Quincy, Dixon, Bloomington and Joliet, large crowds turned out for the ceremonies, while on the previous Sunday, Gov. Horner spoke at the dedication of new or rebuilt airports at Marion, Harrisburg, Danville, Peoria and Springfield.

The schedules were arranged by L. P. Bonfoey, chairman of the State Aeronautics Commission.



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# NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS

## High School Scholarships Planned

SUPPLEMENTING THE sixth annual W. E. Boeing aviation scholarship, the Boeing School of Aeronautics announces a Junior W. E. Boeing scholarship award for senior high school students in the states of California, Oregon and Washington. These scholarships consist of a two-year Airline Operations course with a tuition value of \$1600, and a one-year Airline Mechanics course with 25 hours of flight instruction and a tuition value of \$1200.

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of an essay competition to be judged by the National Committee of Award for the Sixth Annual W. E. Boeing Scholarships.

The scholarship competition has been limited to high schools in Pacific coast states in an experiment to determine the best method of handling similar scholarships on a more extended basis in the future.

## Students From Jones School On Tour

THE SENIOR Engineering class of the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, Newark, N. J., made a three-day tour of the aircraft factories in the Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore district to observe latest manufacturing practices. Factories visited were: Fleetwings, Inc., Bristol, Pa.; Kellett Autogiro, Pitcairn Autogiro, Budd Co., and the Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia; Bellanca Aircraft, Wilmington and the Glenn S. Martin Co., Baltimore. Another group of students were taken through the Wright Aeronautical Corp. factory, Paterson, N. J., by Casey Jones and were guests of Guy Vaughan, president of the company, at a luncheon.

## Rising Sun School Expands

DUE TO increased enrollment and production work, it has become necessary to erect another building at the Rising Sun Aircraft School, Philadelphia, Pa. The new building, in the form of an all-metal hangar consisting of approximately 6,000 sq. ft., will be placed alongside the present school building.

The sewing and fabric shop, plane assembly, rib and wing construction, wire splice tables as well as the wood work and dope spraying are to be handled in the new quarters.

The school now has an enrollment of 300 students and with the new addition will be able to accommodate twice that number.

## SIXTH ANNUAL BOEING SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

TWO COMPLETE aeronautical training courses, with a tuition value of \$5,800, have been announced as the awards for the sixth annual W. E. Boeing aviation scholarships offered to university, college and junior college students in the United States and Canada during the school year 1934-35 by the Boeing School of Aeronautics, Oakland, Calif., according to T. Lee, Jr., general manager. First award is a full Airline Pilot and Operations course and the second is the Airline Technician course. Scholarship competition will close March 15, 1935.

## Library Attracts Many

CARLETON E. STRYKER, chief engineer for the Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute of Aviation, Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., little thought his classrooms would become the mecca for much of the west coast aviation industry when he began building up a library of technical books on aviation.

Engineers of different factories, professors in advanced schools of learning, mechanics from both inside and outside aviation activities and students from other schools are requesting permission to make use of the library which at present contains about every worth-while book ever printed in English which deals with aeronautical construction.

## Ryan Planes Fly to Air Meet

THREE PLANES, including a Ryan S-T and two Great Lakes, represented the Ryan School of Aeronautics, San Diego, at the American Legion Air Meet held at Fresno, Calif., on November 10 and 11. Making the flight were John Fornasero, James Fornasero, Earl D. Prudden, Orva Johnson and Neal Wagar. One of the feature events of the Sunday afternoon program was an exhibition flight of the Ryan S-T with John Fornasero, Ryan chief instructor, at the controls.

## Students Will Build Plane

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING students at Parks Air College, E. St. Louis, Ill., will, during their two-year course, be required to assist in the production of an airplane in the 1A Class. This involves designing of the plane, making of necessary blue prints and stress analyses, securing an approved type certificate and finally the building of the plane in the school shops and test flying.

The plan was adopted upon the recommendation of a number of aeronautical engineers and their assurance that it would provide the most practical engineering instruction.

## Free Radio Course Offered

STINSON SALES & Service, Roosevelt Field, Mineola, N. Y., announce they will conduct a free course for licensed pilots in training for aircraft radio, including instruction in code and various subjects necessary to obtain an operator's license. Sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock at the company's hangar, No. 17. Harwood Parks, radio engineer in charge of the Stinson Aircraft Radio Department, will be the instructor.

## Hemke Heads Air Course in Troy

DR. PAUL E. HEMKE, former professor of aeronautics and mathematics in the post graduate school of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, has been appointed professor and head of the department of aeronautical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy.

## Ground School Courses Given

IN COOPERATION with Midwest Airways, the Milwaukee School of Engineering is conducting ground school classes covering all subjects for which written government examinations are required. Dwight S. Mills is chief tutor.

## High School Gets Army Plane

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., high school will receive a Douglas observation ship of the 1931 series, from the 154th Observation Squadron, Arkansas National Guard. The ship will be dismantled and used for aviation instruction purposes. W. M. Cline, graduate of the army technical school at Chanute Field, is in charge of classes at the high school.

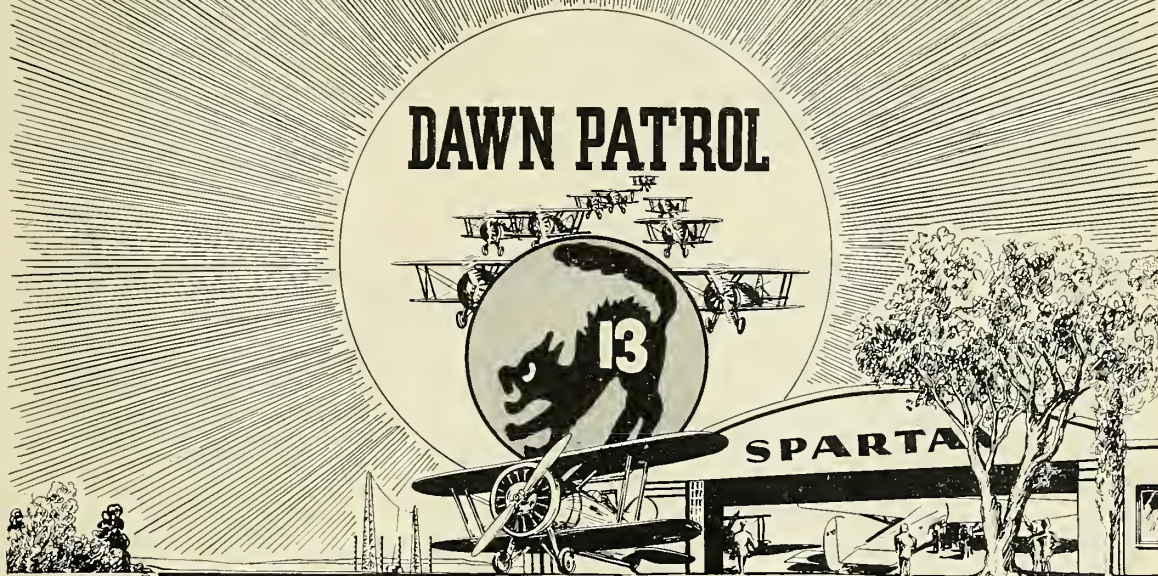
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# THE AIR SERVICES

## Capt. Nelson Wins Mitchell Trophy

FLYING AT an average speed of 216.832 miles an hour over a four-lap, 5-mile course at Selfridge Field, Mich., Capt. Fred Nelson of St. Paul won the Mitchell Trophy from a picked field of nine other Army pilots, all of whom broke the old record.

The race was last flown in 1930 and Lieut. Cy Bettis won it then with a speed of 175.4 m.p.h. The slowest of the ten planes this year averaged 208.327 m.p.h.

The Curtiss Trophy, offered for the first time, was won by Lieut. T. Graughen, Jr., of North Bend, Neb., who circled the 20-mile course three times at an average of 191.146 m.p.h.

The 50,000 spectators also saw Lieut. D. C. Doubleday of New York win the Junior Birdmen's Trophy by flying twice over a measured mile at an average speed of 240.3 m.p.h.

## Navy Flights Help Agriculturalists

DAILY AEROLOGICAL flights made at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Anacostia, by Naval personnel, to obtain data of upper air conditions for weather forecast purposes, are used by the Department of Agriculture with studies of micro-organisms in the upper atmosphere.

These investigations, which are directed by F. C. Meier, representing the Weather Bureau and the Bureau of Plant Industry, continue work which he has conducted during the recent years in the course of training flights on the U.S.S. *Los Angeles* and ferrying flights of Navy, Coast Guard and Army airplanes.

The Instrument Division of the Weather Bureau is developing a device for attachment to a wing strut which, provided these preliminary results warrant further work, may be duplicated for use on planes engaged in meteorological flights at other points.

## Air Base Development Anticipated

THE SAND Point Naval Air Base at Seattle, Wash., is expecting to enlarge its air fleet when the government assigns two squadrons of twelve planes each to base at this station. It is understood the government is planning to strengthen its aerial defences on Puget Sound and develop Sand Point through acquisition of adjacent acreage, although naval officials

in the district have not yet received formal word of the development campaign that will augment the aerial strength of the Navy in this region.

## NAVY TO COOPERATE IN FLIGHTS OF LZ-129

WITH THE approval of President Roosevelt, the Navy Department is ready to cooperate in a limited number of demonstration flights of the airship LZ-129, now building at Friedrichshafen. This cooperation will consist in allowing the dirigible to land at the naval stations in Lakehurst, N. J., or Miami, Fla.

## Ranger Pilots in Air Show

TWO SQUADRONS from the U.S.S. *Ranger*, consisting of 18 planes of VB-5B and VB-3B flew over Richmond, Va., where a dive bombing attack was simulated on a race track where a crowd was witnessing an automobile race. On their return, the stunt team of Lieuts. Greber, Peck and Olney amused the crowd at a Navy service football game.

## Anacostia Has Busy Month

THREE RECORDS were set during a recent month by flight personnel at the Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C., when 1,109 hours of flying time were logged in station aircraft which made 686 flights. In addition, there were 1,277 plane movements at the field.

## 75 Training at Hensley

THE PAST summer saw one of the best reserve officers' training schools ever held at Hensley Field, Dallas, Tex. Night flying was included and lectures given by Lieut. Col. Ira Longanecker of the 8th Corps Area station, Fort Sam Houston. Seventy-five men are now stationed at the field regularly and it is expected that more will be sent there soon.

Hensley Field is under the command of Capt. B. S. Thompson, who has expressed the hope that Federal funds will soon be available for the completion of the runways. Two runways of crushed stone were recently built and two more are needed. The runways are 200 feet by 3,600 feet.

## Navy Trains 24 Reservists

TWENTY-FOUR members of the Naval Reserve have been selected for advanced flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. These men were of a group of 48 which was ordered to Pensacola for a month's primary training.

Capt. Rufus F. Zogbaum, Commandant at Pensacola recommended that 44 of the 48 be given advanced training, but Naval Reserve funds were not sufficient for that number. The men who were eliminated will be given priority next year.

Several thousand graduates of various colleges and universities made application to the Navy for aviation training, and it was from that number that the 48 men were chosen for the primary course at Pensacola. Upon their selection, they were enrolled in the Naval Reserve and those who are successful in completing the aviation training will be commissioned Ensigns in the Naval Reserve and ordered to the fleet for a period of active duty.

## New Quarters For Missouri Guard

A TWO-STORY extension on the south side of the brick building of the 35th Division Aviation Missouri National Guard, now under construction at Lambert Field, St. Louis, will provide new club rooms for officers, main offices, garage and storage facilities. The old quarters will be converted into a club room and sleeping rooms for visiting air service men. The new building measures 48 x 72 feet.

The enlisted men's club rooms, in a one-story building about 150 feet from the main building, will be moved to the rear of the new extension. Major Phil R. Love is commanding officer.

## P.&W. Trophy Won by Lt. Bertelson

THE PRATT & Whitney Altitude Trophy, donated by the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co., E. Hartford, Conn., and competed for at the Springfield, Mass., air meet recently, was won by Lieut. Norman W. Bertelson.

The trophy was competed for by National Guard squadrons from Boston and Hartford and was open to any pilot flying a P. & W. powered plane. The competition consists of a climb to 5,000 feet and return to the ground, the winner being the pilot who makes the best time.

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## High Speed from Wind Tunnel Tests

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● Benjamin F. Ruffner described in *Aviation Engineering* a method of estimating the high speed performance of an airplane from wind tunnel tests which has proved highly satisfactory. The procedure, briefly stated, is as follows:

1. The induced drag is assumed to be independent of scale effects, and to vary simply as  $\rho SV^2$ .

2. The profile drag of the wing and the parasite drag are determined by a test at or near the minimum drag of the model, with the induced drag deducted by calculation if necessary.

3. The model is tested for  $VL$  or scale effects, by running the wind tunnel at varying speeds with the model maintained at the same attitude of minimum drag. By plotting the minimum drag against the Reynolds' number,  $VL/v$  on logarithmic paper, an equation is established for the profile drag and parasite drag of the form

$$R = C_1 \rho/2 SV^2 / \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right)^n \dots (1)$$

where  $C_1$  is an experimental constant for the condition of minimum drag, so that the resistance coefficient

$$C_r = \frac{R}{\rho/2 SV^2} = C_1 / \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right)^n = C_1 / (R.N.)^n \dots (2)$$

where  $n$  has a small, fractional value.

4. Once the exponent  $n$  has been determined the drag of the airplane at any scale and speed, is determined from the equation

$$D = C_1 \rho/2 SV^2; \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right)^n + \rho/2 \left( \frac{C_L^2}{\pi (A.R.)} \right) \cdot SV^2 \dots (3)$$

in which the profile drag is added to the induced drag.

This method assumes, then, that the exponent  $n$  remains a constant no matter what value the Reynolds' number,  $VL/v$  may have for the full scale airplane.

Model aerodynamics indicates that the exponent  $n$  itself varies with the Reynolds' number, and decreases with the Reynolds' number. The method therefore may be too optimistic for a very fast airplane or a very large airplane. It is proposed in the present article to modify the above method of high speed estimating, taking the variation of the exponent  $n$  into account.

### Flat Plate Skin Friction Formulas

The well-known formula for the resistance of a body, having no lift, but where both density and viscosity are taken into account is

$$R = C \rho/2 SV^2 f \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right) \dots (4)$$

The equation is derived by methods of dimensional analysis, but  $f \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right)$  has to be determined experimentally.

For a thin flat plate placed edgewise in the fluid, at so low a Reynolds' number that the flow is laminar and non-turbulent, Blasius has evaluated the viscous drag to be (for one side of the plate)

$$R = 1.328 \rho/2 \cdot SV^2 / \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right)^{1/2} \dots (5)$$

$$\text{and } C_r = 1.328 / \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right)^{1/2} \dots (6)$$

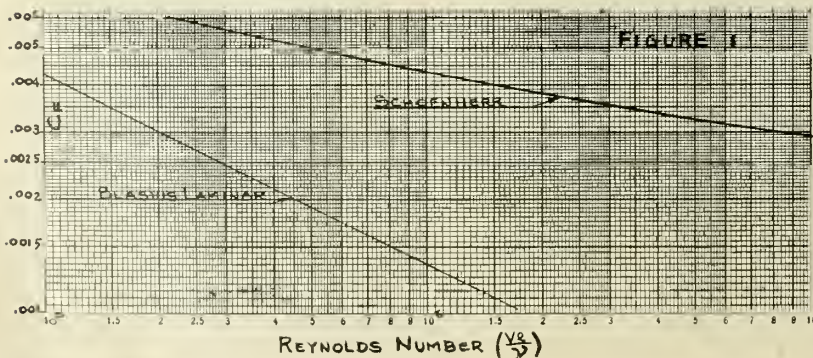
For a flat plate at higher Reynolds' number, the flow is only smoothly laminar up to a certain distance from the leading edge. Thereafter the flow is substantially laminar but also becomes turbulent with temporal oscillations of velocity in all directions superimposed upon the general velocity which remains almost parallel to the wall of the flat plate. The boundary layer now thickens at a greater rate with the distance from the leading edge than in the non-turbulent region. Given a long plate, tested at sufficiently high air speed, it may be assumed that the flow is turbulent over practically the entire surface of the plate. In such a case, it is customary to call the resistance skin friction and to evaluate the skin friction on the basis of the formula derived by W. S. Diehl from Wieseler's experiments:

$$R = .0375 \rho/2 SV^2 / \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right)^{.15} \dots (7)$$

$$\text{and } C_r = .0375 / \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right)^{.15} \dots (8)$$

In passing from the non-turbulent to the turbulent flow, we find that: (a) At the same value of the  $R.N.$  the coefficient  $C_r$  becomes larger; (b) The coefficient  $C_1$  of equation (2) becomes smaller; (c) The exponent  $n$  becomes smaller.

Without entering into a discussion of



this difficult subject, it will be sufficient to state that as the *R.N.* increases still further, and the turbulent character of the flow is more definitely pronounced, *C<sub>f</sub>*, and *n* decrease.

This explains why formulae of the type  $C_f = C_1/(R.N.)^n$  established by different laboratories do not wholly agree. Such formulae hold approximately for a particular range of Reynolds' number, but not beyond that range.

**"Universal" Skin-Friction Law**

If log *C<sub>f</sub>* is plotted against log (*R.N.*) then with a constant value of *n* a straight line plot should result. Thus in figure 1 where the log of the coefficient of laminar skin friction is plotted against the log of the Reynolds' number, a straight line with -1/2 as the slope results. If  $C_f =$

$$(.0375) / \left( \frac{VL}{v} \right)^{.15}$$

independent of the range, then the logarithmic plotting of *C<sub>f</sub>* for turbulent skin friction should result in a slope of -.15. If *n* decreases slowly with *R.N.* then the straight line should become a shallow parabola.

This is precisely what Karl E. Schoenherr found in a paper before the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, when he plotted in one curve the results of the skin friction tests (as approximately indicated in figure 1) of many investigators, namely Zahn's early tests, Wieselberger's tests at Göttingen, Gibbons's at the Washington Navy Yard, Froude's in the National Water Tank, Kempf's in the Water Tank at Hamburg, etc. What is even more striking, in spite of the fact that both water and air were employed as the test media, and in spite of the fact that different methods of tests were employed in the various laboratories, a mean curve was established by Schoenherr of the form:

$$\frac{K}{\sqrt{C_f}} = \log_{10} (R.N. C_f) + M \dots (9)$$

where *K* = 0.242  
and *M* = 0

As the result of prolonged study of turbulence by the application of dimensional similarity Professor Von Kármán had previously established the formula:

$$2^{1/2}/C_f^{1/2} = \text{const.} + (1/K) \log (R.N. C_f) \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

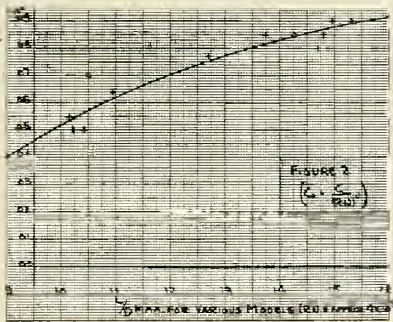
There is therefore semi-empirical, semi-theoretical justification for a "Universal" law of turbulent skin-friction.

Moreover this "Universal" law agrees very closely with the local law  $C_f = C_1/(R.N.)^n$  within a given range of Reynolds' numbers, although the constants *K* and *M* apply independently of such a range. The "Universal" law also de-

creases the value of *n* for a local range, as the Reynolds' number increases, as is shown by the logarithmic curve of figure 1.

**Application to an Airplane Model**

As stated previously, estimating high speed on the basis of the exponential law derived from a test in the wind tunnel has been quite successful. The values of the exponent *n* when plotted against the maximum *L/D* of different models have fallen reasonably well on a single curve of the character shown in figure 2. The cleaner



the ship the more its drag approaches pure skin friction, therefore the higher, invariably, the value of *n*.

Even in the Compressed Air Tunnel the Reynolds' numbers fall far short of the *R.N.* of modern ships. It is evident that the process of scaling up by the simple exponent formula is bound to lead to unduly optimistic results. At the extreme hypothesis,  $C_f = C_1/(R.N.)^n$  then when *R.N.* = ∞, *C<sub>f</sub>* = 0, which is evidently absurd.

Obviously the "Universal" law of skin friction cannot apply with the same accuracy to a complex airplane model as to the simple flat plate. Nevertheless its application is reasonable, and above all conservative. The calculations are not difficult and merely involve fitting the tunnel exponential curve into the universal curve, to fix the universal constants *K* and *M*.

In the following example, a flying boat model was tested at substantially zero lift, through a range of Reynolds' numbers from 2 × 10<sup>5</sup> to 6 × 10<sup>5</sup>, the model having a mean chord of 8.74 in. With coefficient of resistance referred to the wing area, the values in the tunnel were:

1. *C<sub>f</sub>* = .0188 at *R.N.* = 4.07 × 10<sup>5</sup>
2. *C<sub>f</sub>* = .0602/(*R.N.*)<sup>.09</sup> with *n* = .09

$$\text{where } R.N. = \frac{V (\text{chord in feet})}{v}$$

The wing area of the full scale model was 10,300 sq. ft. and the mean chord of the full scale model was 43.7 ft. The power available at top speed was estimated to be 8,100 horsepower. The in-

duced drag at top speed was found to be negligible.

In the calculation of top speed without scale correction

$$HP = C_f \rho / 2 SV^2 \frac{V}{550}$$

where *V* is in ft./sec.  
or 8130 = .0188 (.002378/2)

$$\left( \frac{10,300 \cdot V^3}{550} \right)$$

From which *V* = 269 ft./sec. or 183 m.p.h.

In the calculation of top speed on simple exponential law,

$$HP = C_f \rho / 2 SV^2 / \left( \frac{V \cdot \text{chord}}{v} \right)^{.09}$$

$$\frac{V}{550} \text{ and } \left( \frac{1}{v} = 6350 \right)$$

or,  
8130 = (.0602) (.002378/2)

$$\left( \frac{10,300 V^3}{550} \right) [V(43.7) (6350)]^{.09}$$

From which *V* = 315 ft./sec. or 214.7 m.p.h.

In the calculation of top speed by application of the "Universal" law, and using the extreme Reynolds' number range of the tunnel test,

$$R.N. = 2 \times 10^5 \quad C_f = .0198$$

$$R.N. = 6 \times 10^5 \quad C_f = .01825$$

writing

$$\frac{K}{\sqrt{C_f}} = \log_{10} [(R.N.) C_f] + M$$

$$(a) \frac{K}{\sqrt{.0198}} = \log_{10} (2 \times 10^5 \times .0198) + M$$

$$(b) \frac{K}{\sqrt{.01825}} = \log_{10} (6 \times 10^5 \times .01825) + M$$

From the solution of *a* and *b*

$$K = 1.493$$

$$M = 7.022$$

So that the Universal Law in application to the model becomes

$$\frac{1.493}{\sqrt{C_f}} = \log_{10} (R.N. \times C_f) + 7.022$$

Substituting the full scale Reynolds' number of 8.46 × 10<sup>7</sup> and substituting varying values of *C<sub>f</sub>* in this equation, it was found to be satisfied by *C<sub>f</sub>* = .01305.

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# Theory, Design and Application of Engine Exhaust Collector Rings

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● Modern transport planes have made the question of exhaust manifolds increasingly important, and since the majority of planes are radial, air-cooled engines, this discussion will be limited to exhaust manifolds as applied to this type of engine.

An exhaust manifold's chief function is the collection and disposal of exhaust gases. In addition, it is usually called upon to furnish heat to the cabin or cockpit, to the carburetor air intake, and to the mixture of air and gas leaving the carburetor. From the purely practical standpoint the manifold should weigh as little as possible, have a low initial cost, be easy to install, and have long life with minimum attention.

To function properly as a collector of exhaust gases, manifolds must have sufficient cross-sectional area to carry away the gases without imposing any appreciable back pressure on the cylinders. Engine manufacturers generally recommend that the back pressure on any cylinder should not exceed 4" of water. The determination of what constitutes sufficient cross-sectional area, in lieu of actual pressure tests, is largely a matter of experience. An empirical formula that has given excellent results is:

$$A = (.04) (P) (n/N)$$

where,  
 $A$  = minimum cross-sectional area required at any section (in sq. in.)  
 $P$  = maximum engine horsepower  
 $n$  = number of cylinders exhausting into the section  
 $N$  = number of engine cylinders

When the manifold has a single outlet it is advisable to increase the outlet area about 10% over that given by the formula. A common mistake is to make a

single outlet too small. In such cases pressure readings usually indicate high back pressures on the cylinders farthest away from the outlet and low pressures (sometimes negative) at the outlet section. This is bewildering at first because the sections furthest from the outlet usually have the greatest area/h.p. It would seem that these sections should have a lower pressure than the outlet section where the area/h.p. is smaller. Sometimes, in an effort to remedy this situation, the sections of high pressure are increased in area and, because the size of the outlet is left unchanged, there is no material reduction in back pressure.

The explanation is the law of physics regarding the behavior of gases; that is, other things being equal, the product of velocity  $\times$  pressure remains constant. All the exhaust gases entering the manifold must pass through the outlet, and if the outlet is unduly small it offers a restriction to the passage of the gas which is reflected throughout the system. For every size of outlet there is a corresponding value of pressure  $\times$  velocity which becomes greater as the area of the outlet is decreased. In sections where the area is larger in comparison to the volume of gas that passes through them, the velocity will be relatively low and the pressure high. As the gas approaches the outlet and the area becomes smaller, the velocity increases and the pressure decreases. Obviously, the remedy is to increase the size of the outlet.

Back pressures are affected by other factors. For example, (a) gas flow is not constant but pulsating; (b) there may be local restrictions; (c) some of the connections to the cylinders may intro-

duce a turbulence; (d) some parts of the manifold (and hence the gas in it) may have more cooling than others. Nevertheless, when high back pressures are noted on cylinders farthest from the outlet and lesser pressures on cylinders near the outlet, it is evidence that the outlet is too small.

In making tests for back pressures, readings should be taken on a straight portion of the tubes connecting the cylinder exhaust ports to the manifold and as close as practicable to the port. Readings taken at other places in the manifold are often useful in determining the character of the gas flow, but they do not give an accurate determination of the actual back pressure on the cylinders.

The best outlet location is a subject of some diversity of opinion. The Army requires all manifolds to have but one outlet which, on single engined ships, must be located on the right side slightly below the center-line. The Navy has no fixed requirement, leaving the question of number and location of outlets largely to the manufacturer. Commercial operators have individual preferences. In general it can be said that there is no one best outlet location; it varies with the type of ship for which the manifold is intended, as does the question as to whether there should be one outlet or two.

In addition to the single right-hand outlet, the Army prefers to have all the gas flow in a counter-clockwise direction which is opposite to the engine's firing-order. A manifold of this type is shown in figure 1. The reasoning behind this preference is that since the propeller rotation is clockwise the slipstream behind it will rotate downward on the right side

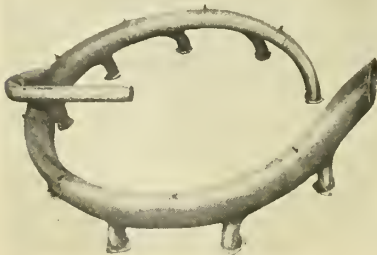


Fig. 1. Counter-clockwise manifold

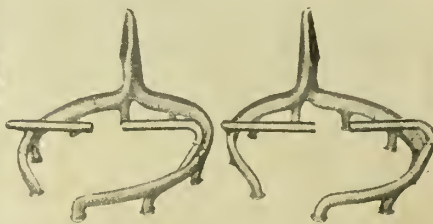


Fig. 2. Manifolds for Douglas Dolphin

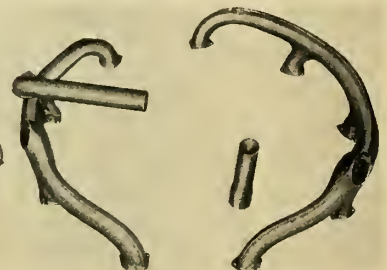


Fig. 3. Manifold with telescopic joints

and upward on the left. This being the case, exhaust gas from a right-hand outlet tends to be carried downward away from the cockpit while gas from a left hand outlet tends to be carried upward into the cockpit. Regarding the counter-clockwise gas flow, it is thought that if the flow is opposite to the direction of firing, the gas from one cylinder will be out of the way before the next one fires, thus reducing back pressure.

If the matter of weight were unimportant this type of manifold would be excellent but often the increase in weight over other types is not justified by the results obtained. In some ships the slipstream rotation at the manifold outlet is considerable, while in others it is negligible. Insofar as gas in the cockpit is concerned, a right hand outlet seldom has any advantage over a left hand outlet.

Assuming that a single outlet is desirable in many cases, and other things being equal, placing the outlet on the right side is justified if only a slight advantage in gas distribution is derived. The single direction of flow on the other hand, is seldom beneficial, and in most cases is disadvantageous from the standpoint of weight. At operating speeds the interval between explosions is so short that, for practical purposes, there is a constant flow of gas in the manifold. The

difference in pressure between clockwise flow and counter-clockwise flow is so small as to be hardly measurable. The slight reduction in back pressures that might possibly result from a single direction of flow does not justify the weight increase that almost invariably accompanies it.

Referring to figure 1, it will be noted that the section adjacent to the outlet must be large enough to carry the exhaust of eight cylinders, the next section large enough for seven cylinders, etc. Therefore, the sections near the outlet must be almost as large as the outlet itself, resulting not only in greater weight, but also due to the large manifold size, the necessity for providing considerable space which often produces the problem of interference between the manifold and other parts of the ship.

If the manifold were divided at a point approximately diagonally opposite the outlet (Figure 2) with the gas from five cylinders flowing in one direction and that from four in the other direction, then the sections adjacent to the outlet need only be large enough to accommodate the gas from four cylinders and three cylinders respectively, making possible smaller sections and therefore less weight. On the basis that both manifolds are made of 18 gauge material, the split type shown in figure 2 would weigh 5 lbs. less than the one with the single direction of flow (Figure 1). However, since the sections of the split type manifold are much smaller, it is possible to use 20 gauge material for most of it, thus saving about 10 lbs. Further weight reduction is possible by providing two outlets as shown in figure 3. Had this type been used in place of the one illustrated in figure 1, a saving of 20 lbs. would have resulted. In this case the two-outlet arrangement would have been suitable.

#### Outlet Arrangement

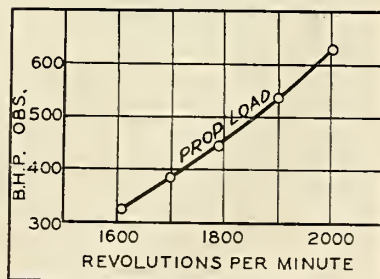
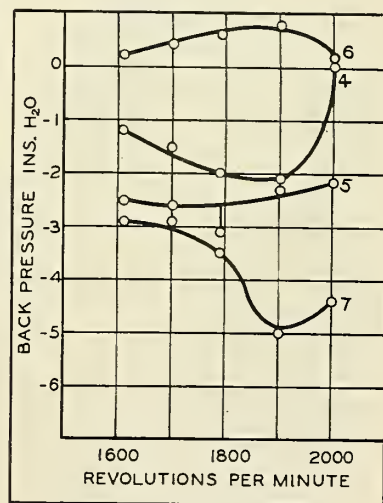
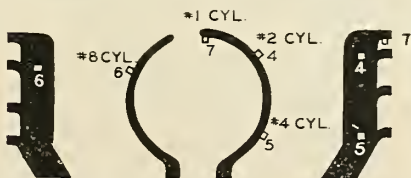
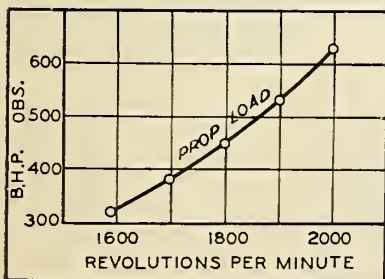
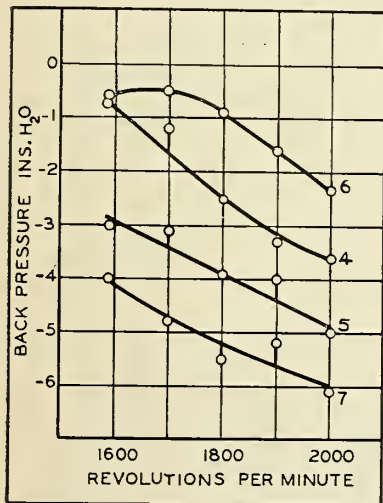
On multi-motored transport planes a single outlet is usually most satisfactory. In twin-engined planes it is often possible to place the outlet outboard on one engine and inboard on the other, thus permitting the manifolds to be interchangeable. If there are no hot spot connections or other similar attachments it is possible to determine an outlet location between any two adjacent cylinders which permits both manifolds to exhaust outboard (or inboard) and still be interchangeable. If hot spot connections must

be provided, the only combination permitting the outlet to be in a corresponding location on both right and left engines and still be interchangeable is to place the outlet either directly on the top or bottom centerline.

For most military and single-engined commercial planes it is possible to design a satisfactory manifold with two outlets. In such cases the manifold is formed of two halves. The nearer the outlets are to the center of these halves the lighter will be the manifold. To avoid fouling the wing or to prevent glare during night operations, it is desirable to place the outlets below the wings, bringing them at the lower end of each half as shown in figure 4. This combination is generally 5 or more pounds lighter than a single-outlet manifold.

#### Form of Exhaust Rings

Manifolds tapered uniformly in cross-sectional area are not always the cheapest form of construction because they usually permit no interchangeable sections. However, they produce the lightest structures, and because the cross-sectional area increases in approximately the same ratio as the volume of gas to be carried, the flow tends to be more uniform. Sometimes the type shown in figure 1 is constructed with a constant cross-section



Check of back pressure exhaust collector ring for P. & W. engine with (left) and without (right) exhaust heater

throughout, making all sections identical, except the first section and outlet. However, since the cross-sectional area throughout the manifold must be the same as that of the outlet, weight increases tremendously.

Another method is to increase the area by sudden stages, in which case the first 3 sections are made with a constant area large enough to provide for 3 cylinders; then between the third and fourth cylinders the area is increased to a size large enough for 6 cylinders, this area being held constant for the following three cylinders, etc. This method does not reduce the cost of manufacture, and the advantages of having a few sections interchangeable are hardly justified by the increase in weight.

The circular cross-section is best, for it is stronger than any other shape of the same weight, cheaper to make, and (if supports are required) easier to support. When space between the inner and outer cowlings is small and the sections large, it may be necessary to flatten the manifold to a streamline or an elliptical shape to fit it into the space available. On deck-landing planes of the Navy where the pilot must look forward between the upper cylinders, it is desirable to flatten the upper portion of the manifold so as to increase the field of vision.

The theory is sometimes advanced that a streamline manifold produces less drag than one with a circular cross-section. Almost invariably the diameter of the manifold is less than that of the engine and therefore, except for a few engines with front exhaust, the manifold is behind the cylinders, in a disturbed area. The additional drag produced by the manifold is so small in proportion to the total drag of the ship, that there is no measurable difference in speed, regardless of whether the engine has no manifold or is equipped with one which is streamline or circular.

Where a cross-sectional shape other than circular is necessary, the curvature of the cross-section should be as great as possible, avoiding flat areas, which tend to fail because of fatigue resulting from constant flexing.

#### Number of Sections in Manifold

For engines of 9 cylinders (or less) it is desirable to provide a slip joint between each cylinder, giving the manifold as many sections as there are cylinders. This arrangement allows the manifold (and cylinders) to expand or contract in any direction under alternate heating and cooling without imposing a strain on the manifold or cylinder heads. Since each section is directly attached to one cylinder, it moves freely within the limits of the slip joint, independently of adjoining sections, and without restraint of any cylinder but the one to which it is attached. This feature also facilitates man-



Fig. 4. Divided manifold

ufacture and simplifies installation, as the sections are smaller and easier to handle.

In double-row, 14-cylinder engines, a slip joint between each cylinder makes the sections too small for convenience, and it is better to provide a slip joint between each pair of cylinders (Figure 5). For installations in the Pratt & Whitney twin-row engines, the ports are recessed and provided with a sleeve into which the connections to the manifold are inserted. This is in effect a slip joint preventing cylinder-head strain which might be imposed by manifold expansion between adjacent cylinders. The Wright double-row engines are provided with conventional exhaust port flanges, and for these engines a slip joint is placed in the connecting tubes between the manifold and the cylinders. A joint of this type is also desirable on the Pratt & Whitney double-row engines because, unless it is possible to break these connecting tubes, their length (particularly those to the front cylinders) makes it difficult to assemble or dis-assemble the manifold on the ship.

Several types of slip joints are in use. Figures 2, 3 and 4 show a simple telescopic joint formed by inserting the end of one section into the end of the one adjacent. This is the cheapest and lightest type of joint and gives as good service as any other type. However, in order



Fig. 5. P. & W. double-row 14-cylinder manifold

to remove one section it is necessary to remove several of the adjoining sections as well. The type used by the Army (Figure 1) consists of a sleeve over the joint held in place by a pair of lugs. To break the joint, the sleeve is slid around the manifold until the joint is free. This permits any section to be removed independently of the others and in general gives excellent service. Its chief drawback is that should the sleeves become slightly deformed or collect a coating of scale or corrosion, it is difficult to slide them around unless they are made with considerable clearance, in which case the joints are apt to leak. In addition, the lugs holding the sleeves in place, sometimes bend or break off.

The manifold shown in figure 5 is of the clamp type which permits removal of any section and has proven satisfactory. One end of the clamp and one end of each section are beaded, so that when the clamp is tightened the bead prevents slipping. The unbeaded end forms a slip joint. Its only disadvantage over the telescope joint is that it requires additional parts.

Removal of one cylinder without disturbing the manifold can be accomplished by providing a clamp-type joint in the connecting tubes as in figure 5, or a pair of flanges if desired, either being equally satisfactory. The flanges produce a rigid connection, while a clamp (or other form of slip joint) requires external support of the manifold to prevent it from slipping rearward off the joint.

The question of how and when to provide supports depends upon the particular installation. Pratt & Whitney has made it necessary to install supports on the twin-row engines and on their latest Wasps. These engines are provided with sleeve-type port connections instead of flanges. For engines with flange attachments, the necessity for supports depends on the distance from the centerline of the manifold to the port face and the weight of the manifold. If the distance and weight are considerable there is danger that the connecting tubes unsupported externally to the cylinders will fail adjacent to the flanges. Some engineers believe that if the manifold is supported by flanges there is danger of damage to the cylinder heads. However, observation of many manifolds indicates that connecting tubes fail long before there is any cylinder head distortion.

When the manifolds are rigidly attached to cylinders by flanges, external supports are sometimes detrimental rather than helpful. If the supports are attached to some part of the engine-mount structure, where the period of vibration differs from that of the engine, the manifold is subjected to a constant reversal of stresses that may be serious. It is desirable whenever possible to reduce

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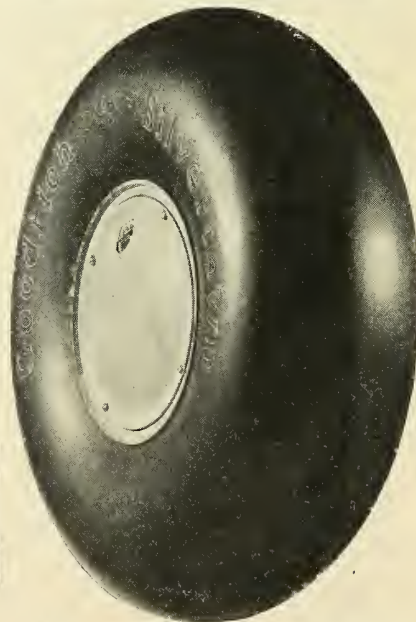
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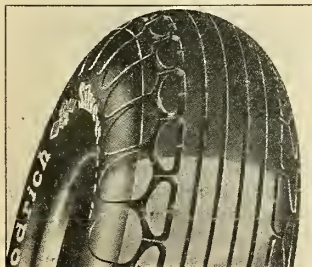
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the weight and overhang of the manifold so that it can be supported solely by the cylinders. When supports are necessary, a slip joint should be provided in the connecting tubes to absorb differences in vibration between the engine and the points of support. Cowling and structural arrangements of different ships vary widely so that one type of support can not be regarded as appropriate for all installations. In general the best results are obtained by some form of clamp around the manifold such as shown in the installation on the Boeing airplane, illustrated in figure 6.

#### Heating Hot Spots and Cabins

Manifolds are designed to furnish heat for carburetor intake hot spots and for other purposes. Figures 1 to 5 inclusive, show hot spot connections without flapper valves. Flow through the hot spot is produced by attaching the connections so that the intake side leads off against the flow through the manifold, and the outlet side leads off in the direction of flow. This produces a difference of pressure between the two sides of the hot spot and causes gas to flow through it.

In some installations excellent results are obtained when the outlet side of the hot spot side is open to the atmosphere (Figures 1 and 3). The engine is ordinarily operated with the hot spot either full on or completely off, in which case to shut off the hot spot a plate must be inserted between the pair of flanges on the intake side, and the plate removed when heat is desired. If it is necessary to reduce the flow through the hot spot without shutting it off entirely, a plate with

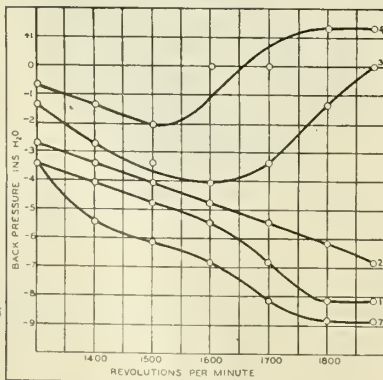


Chart showing check of exhaust back pressure in P. & W. Hornet engine collector ring

the proper size hole can be inserted to give the desired flow. This type of control rarely gets out of order and is considerably lighter than any flapper valve.

There are two methods of heating the air before it enters the carburetor; one is by enclosing a portion of the manifold with a muff (Figure 7) and the other by inserting a so-called "intensifier tube" inside the manifold (Figure 8). A muff (as ordinarily designed) supplies enough air to take care of the total carburetor needs. Enough of the manifold then must be enclosed to heat the total volume to the proper temperature. An intensifier tube supplies a small volume of air at a high temperature which serves to heat the incoming cold air.



Fig. 7. Air heating muff for P. & W. Wasp Junior engine



Fig. 8. Douglas DC-2 manifold for Wright Cyclone

Both these methods are also used to supply cabin or cockpit heat. A muff, usually made of aluminum, is 5 pounds or more lighter than an intensifier tube, but on the other hand, it occupies considerable space.

There are cases where the manifold has burned through under a muff, allowing flames from the exhaust to be sucked through the muff into the carburetor. If the manifold is properly constructed and the muff provided with a by-pass so that when the hot air valve to the carburetor is closed the hot air is free to escape into the atmosphere, the possibility of fire resulting from a muff is remote. If there is constant circulation of air

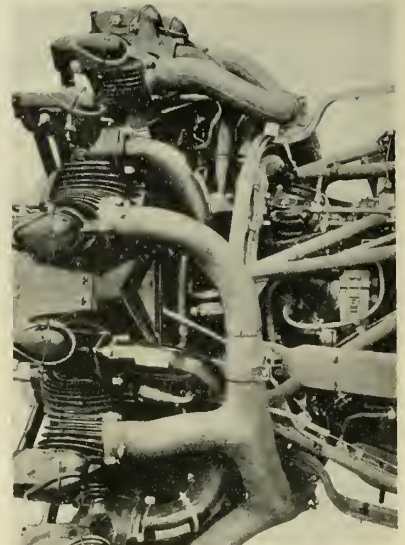


Fig. 6. Clamps around the manifold to support it from the plane structure

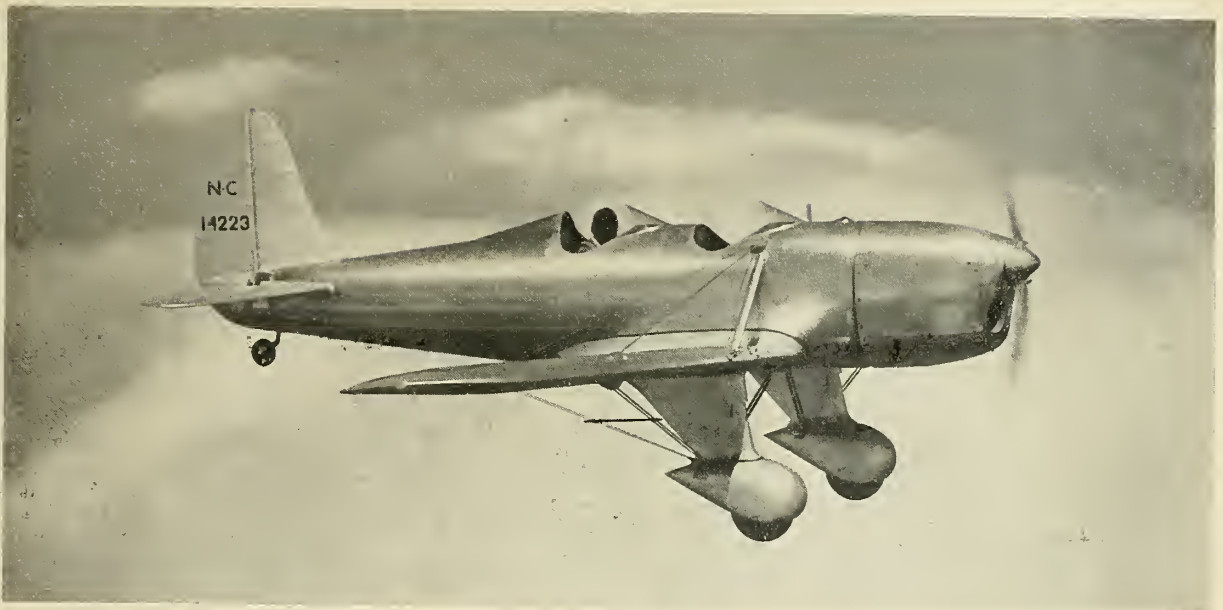
through the muff, the portion of the manifold enclosed by it will usually be cooler than the unenclosed portion.

A by-pass is also necessary in an intensifier tube installation, and care must be taken to sufficiently increase the cross-sectional areas of the manifold to compensate for the space occupied by the tube to avoid high back pressures.

#### Various Metals Available

Of the various metals available for exhaust manifolds, the grade of stainless steel known as 18-8 seems most satisfactory. Experiments are now being conducted with *Inconel*, an alloy containing 75% nickel and 10% chromium. However, the latter is more expensive than stainless steel which also is costlier than most grades of steel. In addition, stainless steel is somewhat more difficult to weld than mild steel, its expansion coefficient is twice as great and its heat conductivity only half. Stainless steel is ductile in the annealed state but it work-hardens more rapidly than mild steel, making it more susceptible to cracking under continual vibration. Therefore a stainless steel manifold must be properly annealed after fabrication to relieve any work-hardening it may have had in the fabricating process. Improper methods of fabrication sometimes start the growth of intergranular corrosion, rendering the material valueless. Despite these handicaps, properly constructed manifolds of 18-8 stainless steel will last almost indefinitely with little or no upkeep expense; the material will not scale below 1700° F., (which is higher than temperatures likely to be encountered from exhaust gases) and it will not corrode to any appreciable extent, even when used on seaplanes.





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# Application of the Polar Diagram To Tapered Beams

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For a beam of uniform cross-section, the precise equations of bending moment and shear are:

$$M = C \cos(x/j - e) + f(w) \dots (1)$$

$$S = - (C/j) \sin(x/j - e) \dots (2)$$

Plotting Equation (1) in polar co-ordinates with  $M - f(w)$  as radius vector and  $x/j$  as angular co-ordinate, the resulting curve is a circle with the diameter  $C$  passing through the origin making an angle  $e$  with the reference line. Then, if a circle with radius  $f(w)$  is drawn with its center at the origin, the radial distance between the arcs within the angle  $x/j$  represents the internal bending moment. The shear times  $j$  is represented by the distance from the extremity of the diameter to a point on the circle with diameter  $C$ . The point on the circle corresponds to a point on the beam.

Since each section of the tapered beam is distinct from the others, the composite diagram contains as many circles as sections, each circle being applicable in its respective section. Only that part of the circle which lies within the angle representing the section is drawn on the diagram. Because the conditions at the end of one section are diametrically similar to those of the adjacent section, the relative locations and magnitudes of the apices are fixed by the following considerations:

1. The bending moment immediately to either side of a dividing line is identical.
2. The shear immediately to either side of a dividing line is identical except,

This article presents the analysis of beams tapered in cross-section and subjected to axial compression and complex lateral loads. A study of this method by the engineer dealing with such problems should be warranted by the possibility of accurately determining the stresses in tapered beams. The illustrations show the basic graphical construction. Fundamentally, the procedure consists of dividing the beam into small sections and drawing a polar diagram for each, the section being made small enough so that the moment of inertia may be assumed constant within its length.

3. If a concentrated load acts at the dividing line, the shear changes by  $W$ .

The shear at the dividing radius of a polar diagram is equal to the perpendicular distance from the dividing radius to the apex of either adjacent angular section divided by the value of  $j$  corresponding to the apex. Therefore the distances from a common dividing radius to the apices of adjacent sub-bays are in the ratio of the values of  $j$  of the sub-bays. When a concentrated load acts at the dividing line, the ratio is changed by adding  $Wj$  to the numerator. Assuming  $W$  to act immediately to the left of the dividing line, the ratio becomes  $(j_L + Wj_L) / (j_R)$ .

Rules Nos. 1 and 3 of the Rules of Construction obtain the proper relative location of the apices perpendicular to the

dividing radius. They are valid for all cases except when the running load is uniformly varying. In that case Rule No. 4 must be substituted. The relative location of the apices parallel to the common dividing radius is fixed by the difference between the  $f(w)$  terms of the precise equations of the adjacent sub-bays. This difference equals  $(w_R j_R^2 - w_L j_L^2)$  where the subscripts denote values corresponding to the right and left of the dividing line. Rule No. 2 results in the above relative location of the apices when the running load is uniform, uniformly varying, or uniform with abrupt changes.

With the location of an apex with respect to the other apices determined, the location of all the apices can be found if one of them is known. The major part of the construction is directed toward this end.

## Construction

Figures 1 to 5 are illustrations of the construction at the dividing radii for several types of loads. In order to simplify the explanation, they contain three sections only. Most problems will require from ten to fifteen sections.

When solving a problem, the stress analyst will follow the construction described for one of the examples but will repeat the procedure at the dividing radii as many times as is necessary. For example, if his beam is tapered in cross-section with a uniformly varying load, he will use the method of figure 3 but will repeat the adjustments at the divid-

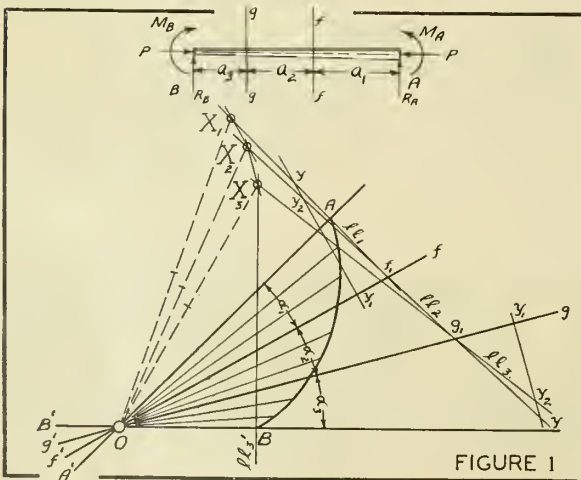


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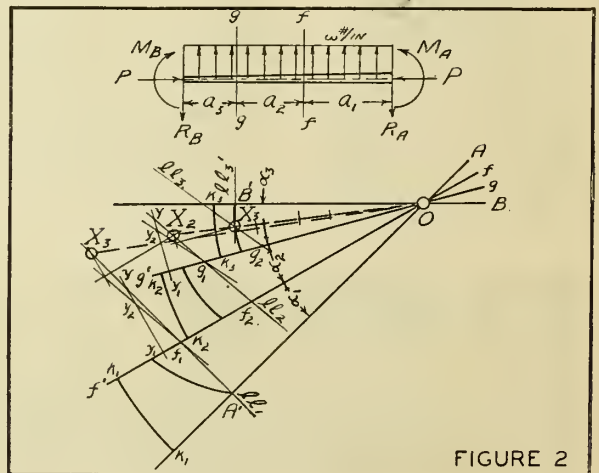


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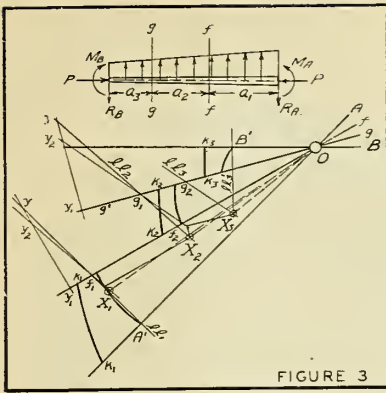


FIGURE 3

same construction as for figure 4. When concentrated loads occur, the average loading over the section should be substituted for varying one and the construction for figure 5 followed.

In figure 4 (several concentrated loads, unequal end moments) extend  $ll_1$  to intersect  $ff'$  at  $f_1$ , rotate about  $f_1$  and displace perpendicular to  $ff'$  to obtain  $ll_2$ , the locus line of the next section. Extend  $ll_2$  to intersect  $gg'$  at  $g_1$ , rotate about  $g_1$ , and displace perpendicular to  $gg'$  to obtain  $ll_3$  which intersects  $ll_2'$  at  $X_3$ . To locate  $X_2$  draw a line perpendicular to  $gg'$  to intersect  $ll_2$  at the desired apex.  $X_1$  will be at the intersection of  $ll_1$  and a line perpendicular to  $ff'$  through  $X_2$ . With  $OX_1, OX_2$  and  $OX_3$  as diameters draw arcs in the corresponding angles.

In figure 5 (uniformly distributed side load with abrupt changes, concentrated loads, unequal end moments), extend  $ll_1$  to intersect  $ff'$  at  $f_1$ , rotate about  $f_1$ , displace parallel to  $ff'$  to  $f_2$  and displace perpendicular to  $ff'$  from  $f_2$  to  $f_3$  to obtain  $ll_2$ . Extend  $ll_2$  to intersect  $gg'$  at  $g_1$ , rotate about  $g_1$ , displace parallel to  $gg'$  from  $g_2$  to  $g_3$  to obtain  $ll_3$ . The intersection of  $ll_3$  and  $ll_2'$  locate the apex  $X_3$ . Through  $X_3$  draw a line parallel to  $g_1g_3$  to intersect the rotated but not displaced locus line  $ll_2$ . Through this intersection draw a line perpendicular to  $gg'$  to intersect  $ll_2$  at  $X_2$ . Through  $X_2$  draw a line parallel to  $f_1f_3$  to intersect the rotated but not displaced locus line  $ll_1$ . Through this intersection draw a line perpendicular to  $ff'$  to intersect  $ll_1$  at  $X_1$ . With  $OX_1, OX_2$  and  $OX_3$  as diameters, draw arcs in the corresponding angular sections.

g). The true bending moment is represented by the radial distance between the arcs. When there is no running load,

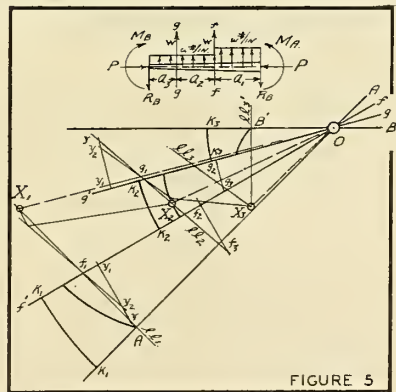


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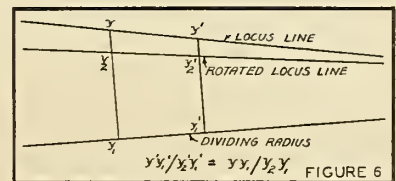


FIGURE 6

ing radii  $ff'$  and  $gg'$  at the dividing radii of his problem. The general procedure for analyzing is as follows:

a). Divide the beam into such sections that there are no discontinuities of loading within any section and  $(a/j)57.3$  is between  $11^\circ$  and  $12^\circ$  for each.

b). Lay out angles representing the sections, letting the horizontal line  $BB'$  denote the left support.

c). Draw arcs of  $wj^2$  in each angular division.

d). From  $O$ , the origin, lay out  $OA$  and  $OB$  equal to  $m_a$  and  $m_b$  respectively.

e). Construct normals  $ll_1$  and  $ll_n$ , at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.

f). In figure 1. (no side loads, unequal end moments), extend  $ll_1$  to intersect  $ff'$  at  $f_1$ . Rotate  $ll_1$  about  $f_1$  to obtain  $ll_2$  the locus line of the next section. Extend  $ll_2$  to intersect  $gg'$  at  $g_1$ , rotate about  $g_1$  to obtain  $ll_3$  which intersects  $ll_2'$  at  $X_3$ , the apex of the leftmost section.  $X_2$  is at the intersection of  $ll_2$  and a line through  $X_3$  perpendicular to  $gg'$ . Similarly,  $X_1$  is at the intersection of  $ll_1$  and a line through  $X_2$  perpendicular to  $ff'$ . With  $OX_1, OX_2$  and  $OX_3$  as diameters, draw arcs in the corresponding angular sections.

In figure 2 (uniformly distributed side load, unequal end moments), extend  $ll_1$  to intersect  $ff'$  at  $f_1$ , rotate about  $f_1$ , and displace parallel to  $ff'$  to obtain  $ll_2$ , the locus line of the next section. Extend  $ll_2$  to intersect  $gg'$  at  $g_1$ , rotate about  $g_1$ , and displace parallel to  $gg'$  to obtain  $ll_3$  which intersects  $ll_2'$  at  $X_3$ . To find remaining apices, draw a line through  $X_3$  parallel to  $gg'$  to intersect the rotated but not displaced locus line  $ll_2$ . Through this intersection draw a line perpendicular to  $gg'$  to intersect  $ll_2$  at  $X_2$ . To find  $X_1$ , draw line parallel to  $ff'$  through  $X_2$  to intersect the rotated but not displaced locus line  $ll_1$ . Through this intersection draw a line perpendicular to  $ff'$  to intersect  $ll_1$  at  $X_1$ . With  $OX_1, OX_2$ , and  $OX_3$  as diameters, draw arcs in the corresponding angles.

In figure 3 (uniformly varying side load, unequal end moments), substitute Rule No. 4 for Rule No. 1 and follow

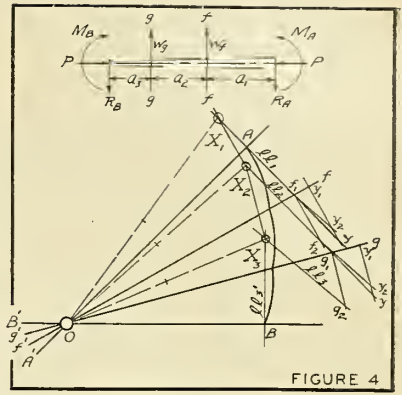


FIGURE 4

the arc representing  $wj^2$  is considered as having shrunk into the origin  $O$  and the bending moment is measured therefrom.

The shear equals the distance from a point on the arc with diameter  $OX$  to the apex divided by the value of  $j$  corresponding to the apex.

When constructing the diagram, the intersection will often be found to occur outside the boundaries of the drawing board. In that case the rotation and displacement must be made without the intersection. Figure 6 is an illustration of the locus line  $ll_2$  intersecting the dividing radius  $gg'$  off the paper. The rotation is effected by dropping perpendiculars from any two points on  $ll_2$  to  $gg'$ , dividing them as specified in Rule No. 1 and drawing the rotated position of  $ll_2$  through the division points on the perpendiculars. To effect the displacements of  $ll_2$ , a point  $g_1$  is chosen on the rotated locus line and the *Rules of Construction* applied there.

The stress engineer will find after a little experience with the polar diagram that he can determine the lengths of the sections quickly, especially if the moment of inertia is plotted against the length of the beam. With the exception of small deep beams with thin web members where the shear deflection may be large,  $12^\circ$  is small enough for the angular divisions.

In the case of a tapered beam the angle  $\phi_i$  no longer determines the angle of instability of the beam. The critical angle may be greater than  $\phi_i$ . This angle is determinable and is left as an exercise for the interested reader.

### Rules of Construction

1. *Rotation of Locus Line.* From any point  $y$  on the locus line drop a perpendicular  $yy_1$  to the dividing radius. Locate a point  $y_2$  on  $yy_1$  so that  $yy_1/y_2y_1 = j_n/j_{n+1}$  and draw the rotated position of the locus line through  $y_2$  and the intersection of the locus line and the dividing radius.

2. *Displacement Parallel To Dividing Radius.* From the intersection of the locus line and dividing radius mark off the distance  $(w_n j_n r^2 - w_i j_i r^2)$ . At this

distance from the intersection, draw the displaced locus line parallel to the rotated locus line.

3. *Displacement Perpendicular To Dividing Radius.* Mark off the distance  $Wj_n$  perpendicular to the dividing radius and draw the displaced locus line parallel to the rotated locus line.

4. When the running load is uniformly varying, the rotation of the locus line is made in the same manner as in Rule No. 2 except that the ratio  $(j_n/j_{n-1})$  is cubed.

The conventional signs of the polar diagram are used when making any displacement. (Ref. 1.)

#### Symbols and Nomenclature

- a, Length of section (or sub-bay) in inches
- I, Moment of inertia at any spar section.
- j,  $\sqrt{(EI)/P}$
- E, Modulus of elasticity of the beam.
- L, Length of the tapered beam.
- 11, Locus line, a line on which the apex is known to lie.
- m,  $(M - wj^2)$
- M, True bending moment at any section.
- O, Origin on the diagram.
- P, Axial load (pounds).
- S, True shear.
- w, Running load on beam (lbs./in.).
- W, Concentrated load (pounds).
- x, Distance from the left end of any section to a point within the section.

X, Apex, point from which the shear is measured. Loading arcs are drawn with OX as diameter.

Loading Arc, Section of a circle drawn with OX as diameter.

Base Arc, Arc with radius  $wj^2$  and center at O.

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## WIND TUNNEL TESTS

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Then writing

$$81300 = (.01305) (.002378/2)$$

$$(10,300) \frac{V^3}{550}$$

it was found that

$$V = 304 \text{ ft./sec. or } 208 \text{ m.p.h.}$$

The three methods gave therefore: (a) without scale correction, 183 m.p.h; (b) with scale correction on the Universal Law, 208 m.p.h.; and (c) with scale correction on the Simple Exponential Law, 214.7 m.p.h.

For this extreme case of scale correction on a 1/60 scale model it is clear that the extra trouble of applying the Universal Law is quite worth while, because it is likely to give a closer and more conservative result.

## Avigation Instrument

*A New Device for Rapidly Calculating an Astronomical Point aboard an Airplane (Un nouvel appareil de calcul rapide du point astronomique à bord d'avion), Capt. Guyot. L'Aéronautique (L'Avrotechnique supplémentaire), Vol. 16, No. 184, September, 1934, pp. 73-81, 10 figs.*

NAVIGATION METHODS of Marq, Favé and Brill are explained and the operations in determining a point in the flight of an airplane by observation of the stars are analyzed. The author describes the Guyot apparatus in detail and its simple method of operation. This device is composed of a time calculator, tables giving the azimuth and height of the stars at a central point on a chart, and a marker. From readings of the watch and sextant, but without any calculations, a circle may be traced giving the relative height of the star observed.

## Aerodynamics

*Motion of a Stretched String in a Turbulent Flow of Air, D. Nukiyama. Tokio Imperial University—Aeronautical Research Institute—Report No. 112, Vol. 9, No. 4, September, 1934, pp. 77-100, 1 fig., 57 equations.*

DISTURBANCES ACTING on a wire stretched in the open air are discussed and simplified to bring them within the range of mathematical calculation. The author desired to ascertain whether the aerial tone could be explained by the Schrot effect. He shows that a disturbance causing vibration on a calm day is due to the heat of the sun's rays striking the wire which heats the air immediately surrounding it, setting up convection currents and the change of buoyancy which generates a periodic motion causing an aerial tone. Similarly, on a rainy day, the convection currents of heated air are replaced by water droplets of equal radius.

## Wind-Tunnel Turbulence

*The Effect of a Contraction on the Turbulence in a Fluid Stream, A. Fage. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1584, November, 1932-33 (published September 18, 1934), 8 pp., 4 tables, 3 figs. on supplementary sheets.*

CHANGES IN the maximum longitudinal and lateral velocity fluctuations due to a large contraction were determined for both water and air streams by a method involving the use of the ultramicroscope, the contraction being of the same type as that used in wind-tunnel design. Measurements made on the axis showed that the maximum longitudinal velocity disturbances were not greatly changed by contraction, and that the maximum lateral velocity disturbances were reduced roughly in the ratio of the outlet diameter to that of the inlet. The result differs from the theoretical consideration of the behavior of a single vortex passing through a contraction.

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# Digest of Technical Articles from Foreign Publications

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## Lubricating Oils

*A Contribution to the Study of Lubrication. Measurement of the Coefficient of Friction for Lubricating Oils and Their Constituents (Contribution a l'étude du graissage. Mesure du coefficient de frottement des huiles de graissage et de leurs constituants), Madeleine Briault. Publications Scientifiques et Techniques du Ministère de l'Air, No. 46, 1934, 29 pp., 6 figs., 15 curves.*

CHARACTERISTICS WHICH may be of value in evaluating lubricating oils for airplane engines are discussed. The author outlines various methods of measuring the coefficient of friction of lubricating oils and describes the modified Woog frictometer which was used in the reported experiments. Curves of coefficient of friction against temperature are given for linseed, poppy-seed, hempseed, cotton-seed, colza, ground-nut, olive and castor oils, myristic, palmitic, oleic, and

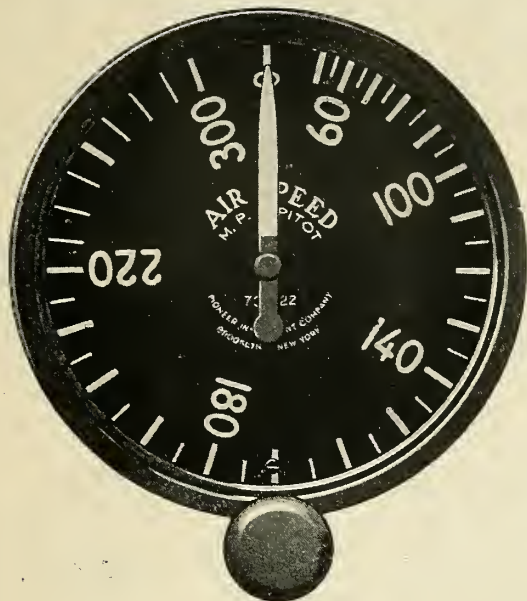
ricinic oleic acids, glycerine, ricinic oleate of ethyl and palmitate of butyle. The tests proved that the addition of 0.1% to 2% of fatty acids to mineral oil is sufficient to lower the friction coefficient.

## Airplane-Automobile

*The "Avion" Automobile, R. Tampier. Aircraft Engineering, Vol. 6, No. 68, October, 1934, pp. 265-267, 10 figs.*

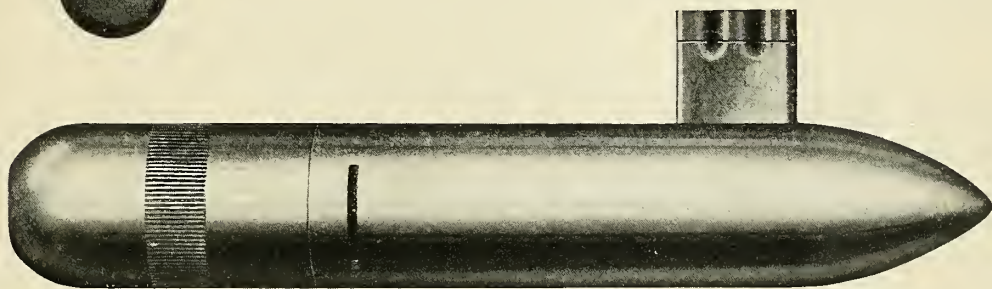
AN AIRPLANE for the private owner which is adapted for running on roads under its own power is described by its designer. The airplane is designed to travel on the ground tail first, having an auxiliary engine mounted behind the aero engine, which may also act as a starter. The author gives a design of steering gear for the front road wheels, the wheels being taken off before flight and fixed in the fuselage while the steering gear is folded under the fuselage.

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## Stalling Research

*Stalling, B. M. Jones. Royal Aeronautical Society Journal, Vol. 38, No. 285, September, 1934, pp. 760-770.*

RESEARCH CAMPAIGNS upon the stalling of an airplane, which began with the Wrights and have continued since, are discussed. The author believes that while they have shown the nature and causes of the movements of the stalled plane and have indicated simple ways of overcoming the dangers, they have been unsuccessful in explaining causes of minor differences between types. In his opinion, one reason is to be found in the sudden flow changes occurring on some parts of the wings in some stages of the stall. One purpose of the paper is to show why the presence of these sudden changes is not revealed by usual methods of experiment. He thinks that, on full scale, examination of flow by some simple method easily applied in flight will be necessary for investigating the causes of unsatisfactory behavior at low speeds so that the forms of wing liable to sudden flow changes in any of their parts may readily be recognized.

*Wilbur Wright Memorial Lecture.*

## Turbulent Flow

*Note on the Use of the Interferometer for Recording Turbulent Flow, L. F. G. Simmons and C. Salter. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1454, February, 1932 (published October 29, 1934), 3 pp., 11 figs.*

IN THE experiments described, an interferometer was used to reveal the motion in a jet of carbon-dioxide gas issuing from a small tube. Spark photographs were taken with a monochromatic fringe system and also with white-light fringes widely separated to give a nearly uniformly illuminated field. The photographs reproduced show the parallel form of the jet at low speeds, the transition from laminar to turbulent flow, and the expansion which took place at a short distance from the tube when the velocity reached about 700 cm. per sec.

## Airplane Strength Tests

*Study of a Method Utilizing the Coupling between Two Oscillating Systems for the Determination of the Mechanical Strength of Structures and the Measurement of the Modulus of Elasticity (Etude d'une methode utilisant le couplage entre deux systemes oscillants pour la determination de la resistance mecanique des constructions et la mesure des modules d'elasticite), P. le Roland and P. Sorin. Publications Scientifiques et Techniques du Ministère de l'Air, No. 47, 1934, 178 pp., 49 figs.*

THE METHOD of coupled pendulums is applied to the study of the identification and mechanical ageing of airplanes. The authors discuss an experimental study they have made of problems in the strength of materials and then apply the

same method to proving the strength of completed airplanes. They consider the tests useful in buying a number of planes of the same type from a manufacturer to prove that they all possess the same mechanical qualities. Also if an airplane of known "mechanical constant" has to be repaired, the tests would indicate that the repairing was satisfactory. By systematic tests after each flight, the eventual variation in the rigidity of the airplane could be studied.

## Aileron Tests

*Wind Tunnel Tests on (1) Frise Aileron with Raised Nose (2) Hartshorn Ailerons with Twisted Nose, A. S. Hartshorn and F. B. Bradfield. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1587, February, 1934 (published September 18, 1934), 13 pp., 2 tables, 8 figs. on supplementary sheets.*

THE AILERONS were tested in an investigation to provide a closely balanced aileron which could be used to large angles and which was not sensitive to differences in rigging. The modified form of Frise aileron with raised nose was considered safer than the standard form in that it avoided the danger of overbalance for small errors in rigging and was lighter for large aileron angles. Rolling moments were not appreciably affected by raising the nose. The twisted-nose ailerons gave a more linear hinge-moment curve than the Frise with raised nose and were lighter for large aileron angles.

## Aerodynamics

*The Drag of Streamline Bodies, Hilda M. Lyon. Aircraft Engineering, Vol. 6, No. 67, September, 1934, pp. 233-239, 10 figs. Bibliography.*

THE RELATIVE importance of skin friction and pressure in relation to full-scale design is treated in a highly mathematical manner. The author concludes that the boundary measurements show conclusively that the wide difference between the drag coefficients for two models in the normal tunnel is due to a difference in the position of the transition from laminar to turbulent flow caused by a different pressure distribution. She believes that a sphere of a diameter comparable with that of the airship would be needed to determine the relative "percentage turbulence" of the atmosphere for comparison with wind-tunnel measurements. This is important also in comparing wind-tunnel and full-scale measurements of the maximum lift of airfoils.

The same issue of *Aircraft Engineering* (pp. 245-246) contains an article by L. Bairstow entitled "Skin Friction Correction" which gives a resume of investigations into the boundary-layer theory and summarizes knowledge on the subject. The latter paper was presented before the Institution of Naval Architects.

## Seaplane Floats

*Hydrodynamic Experiments on Models of Seaplane Floats (Esperienze idrodinamiche di modelli di galleggianti d'idrovolante), A. Eula. L'Aerotecnica, Vol. 14, Nos. 8-9, August-September, 1934, pp. 947-990, 17 figs. and tables.*

RESULTS OF tank tests on 17 models of hulls and floats of various types, which were made at free incidence, are discussed. Although the experiments were not undertaken systematically, some conclusions may be reached regarding the form of floats and their resistance. Adimensional diagrams are given for all models, covering values for residual weight, incidence, and relative resistance referred to either the total or residual weight. It was found that the best hulls, under normal conditions of loading, had a maximum hydrodynamic resistance which was slightly below 20% of the total weight while, for twin floats, the percentage was a little higher.

## Fuselage Stresses

*Some Calculations on the Stresses induced by Gusts in the Fuselage of a Particular Airplane. H. R. Fisher. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1581, January 31, 1934 (published September 7, 1934), 18 pp., 7 figs.*

THE CALCULATIONS reported were made to determine the behavior of a particular airplane when flying fully loaded at 116 m.p.h. into a gust perpendicular to the wing chord with a velocity which increases linearly along the flight path. It was found that a gust of 30 ft. per sec. would not be capable in the assumed conditions of adding in any member examined a load of more than 0.23 of its estimated strength. Sudden tail forces due to irregular air motions not amenable to calculation would have their efforts reduced by about 50% in the front bay of the rear fuselage, because of the inertia of this part and the tail.

## Seaplane Water Resistance

*Measurement of the Full Scale Water Resistance of a III F Seaplane in Steady and Accelerated Motion, E. T. Jones. (British) Aeronautical Research Committee—Reports and Memoranda No. 1591, December 6, 1933 (published September 14, 1934), 30 pp., 18 figs. on supplementary sheets, 14 tables.*

FULL-SCALE water resistance of the seaplane was measured to determine how closely the law of corresponding speeds, applied to the results of models tested in a tank, predicts full-scale resistance. It was found that float resistance at speeds between 0.3 and 0.8 of take-off speed was almost constant and equal to about one-fifth of the displacement at rest. At the same attitude, full-scale resistance was about 10% higher than that of a one-tenth scale model. Curves of resistance in accelerated motion, determined by the direct and indirect method, were in fair agreement.

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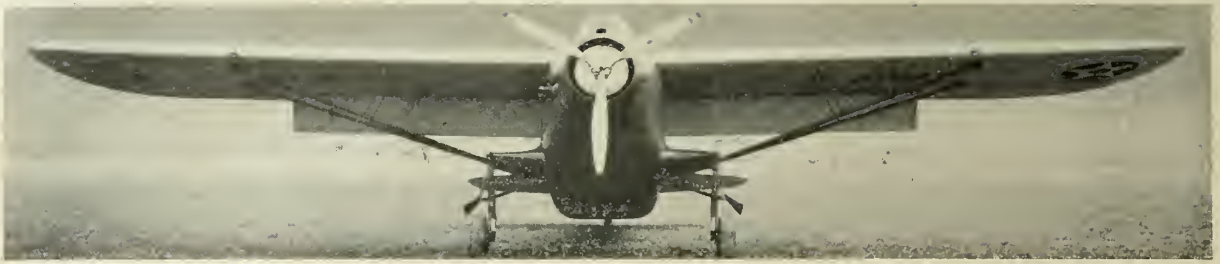
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## Fairchild XC-31 Cargo Transport

● The Fairchild XC-31 is a general purpose military transport, high-wing, braced-type monoplane with ample size cabin space and large loading door for bulky cargo.

The plane is also equipped for transportation of air-cooled and liquid-cooled V or in-line engines on standard army cradles. For transporting troops, provisions have been made for the installation of 15 Army-type chairs, or if preferred, the folding side benches which form part of the cabin side walls, can be opened to accommodate 14 men, while their equipment can be stored and tied down in the aisle between the benches. Another feature is the cargo chute, which permits aerial delivery of food and other items in containers by parachute.

The plane, which has provision for one pilot only, can readily be converted into an ambulance by installing litter support brackets, provision being made for quick installation of detachable brackets for six litters, three on each side of the cabin. In addition several Army-type chairs can be installed to accommodate attendants and additional patients.

In flight, the ship is easy to handle and the take-off is fast for a large ship. To date, this plane is one of the largest single-engined planes built, yet in light load tests, it could be landed, with flaps down from an altitude of 750 ft., and brought to a complete stop after covering a total straight line flight distance of less than a half mile from this altitude.

The plane is equipped for radio transmitting and receiving units and a type A4 radio compass. The radio mast is detachable from the inside of the cabin.

The size of the cabin (or cargo space) is approximately 19' long  $\times$  6' 4" wide  $\times$  6' 6" mean height, totaling about 775 cubic feet. The floor level at the loading door is 4' above the ground to simplify loading and unloading from trucks backed up against the door, and the loading door opening is 5' 10"  $\times$  4' 11". Round celluloid windows give ample light in the cabin during the day, while three dome lights illuminate the cabin at night. A small folding invoice desk is in the cabin, and a chemically dry toilet is situated aft.

### Construction Details

The fuselage is of welded chrome molybdenum steel tubing, with tie rod bracing in most of the upper, lower and cross panels. This type of construction was used since it permitted a square interior and was most adaptable for the door opening desired. Gusset plates, tie rod lugs and fittings welded to the fuselage structure are of chrome molybdenum sheet and bar steel. The superstructure for pilot's windshield, floor, seat, instrument board support, etc., are of chrome molybdenum tubing, welded to the fuselage proper, and all fuselage fairing is of metal. Every part of the cargo transport is corrosion-proof.

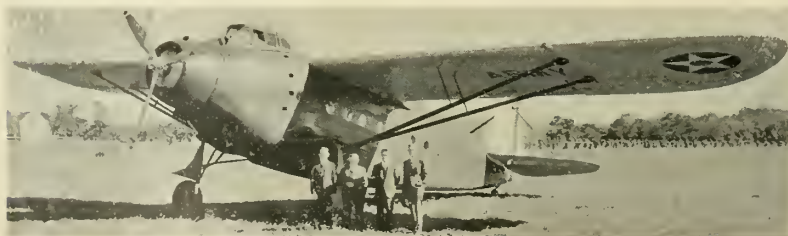
The cantilever stub wing is also of chrome molybdenum steel tubing with steel fittings throughout. The center truss, between front and rear stub wing spars, serves also as a skid in the event of a forced landing with wheels in the retracted position. Saddle fittings, and bushings welded to the fuselage structure, provide the means of attaching the stub wing to the fuselage.

The landing gear is fully retractable into wells in the bottom of the fuselage, the landing gear struts retracting into recesses in the bottom of the stub wing. Operation is either by an electric motor or by hand. The landing gear is equipped with 40  $\times$  10 wheels, hydraulic-type brakes with star wheel adjustment and 40  $\times$  10 streamline tires. Stub axles are pressed, fitted and bolted into shock strut end fittings, and the shock strut is a combined hydraulic and pneumatic type with splined cylinder and piston. Impact loads are dissipated through the hydraulic unit, while taxiing loads are absorbed pneumatically within the strut.

A position warning device consisting of a solenoid vibrator mounted on the left rudder-brake pedal was developed for this ship by the U. S. Army Air Corps. Whenever the landing gear, or one side of the landing gear, is not in a safe position for landing, the vibrator warns the pilot as the engine is throttled prior to landing. A landing gear position indicator is on the instrument board. The tail wheel knuckle is of the Army-designed half-fork type, and the shock strut unit in the tail wheel is of the Aerol Oleo type.

The strut-braced wings (permitting greater fuselage cargo-space) are constructed of metal, fabric covered, and spars are of the single, solid web type, with extruded angles as flanges. The wing nose is metal, covered and reinforced by longitudinal stringers, riveted to the metal cover and the nose ribs. The entire metal leading edge is riveted directly to the front spar flanges, giving greater torsional rigidity and strength. In static tests, a 5-foot section (tested in high angle of attack position) successfully withstood a sandbag load of 3850 lbs. Wing ribs are of channel section cap strips and square aluminum alloy tubular truss members connected by aluminum alloy forgings and rivets. The drag system consists of welded drag trusses of chrome molybdenum steel tubing, heat treated after welding, and square steel tie rods doubled.

"Zap"-type flaps are of all-metal construction, hinged at the leading edge to the sliding cross head and at the hinge



Kreider-Reisner officials and engineers responsible for the Fairchild transport



joints, spaced 30 inches apart, by tubular connecting rods to rear fittings of the flap-supporting beam. Flap connecting joints are along the flap at 30 in. intervals. In operation of the flap either mechanically by electric motor, or manually, the leading edge slides back and the trailing edge down simultaneously. Switches and flap position indicators are mounted on the dashboard.

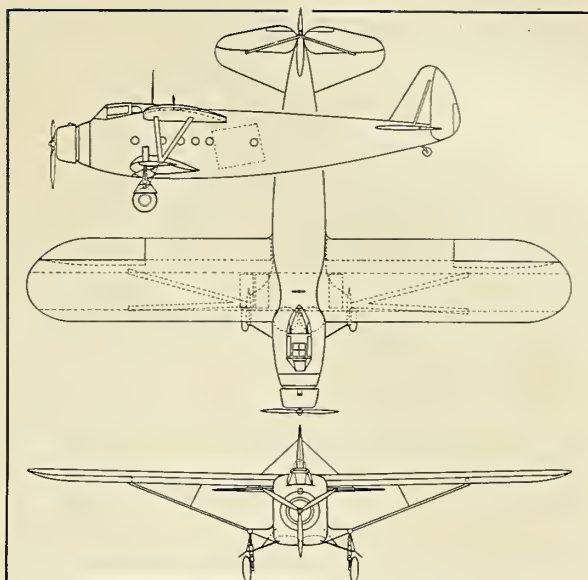
Flap support beams are 30 inches apart and bolted to the upper and lower flange of the rear spar and to the drag truss fittings. Fuel tanks, of 75 gallons capacity each, are installed in the wing, one tank in the left and two in the right panel. Tie down fittings are also in the wing and are accessible through a door in the upper front lift strut fairing. Inspection doors and hand holes have been provided at points requiring frequent inspection.

Lift struts are constructed of streamline aluminum alloy tubing with strip type alloy steel attachment fittings bolted in place. The front lift struts have a fixed length, while the rear struts are adjustable on the upper end for rigging.

Ailerons are of the Frieze type. The skeleton is constructed of aluminum alloy with sheet metal nose, fabric covered. The differential movement of the aileron is 40° up and 15° down. The operating mechanism in the wing is incorporated in the center bracing bracket, and connecting rods are adjustable, plus and minus.

The vertical stabilizer is of all-metal cantilever construction bolted rigidly to the fuselage structure. The rudder is of aluminum alloy with sheet metal nose and fabric covered. A tab for directional trimming has been provided at the trail-

Scale drawings of the Fairchild XC-31 military cargo transport



ing edge. Hinges are ball bearing and elevators are fabric-covered aluminum alloy with sheet metal nose.

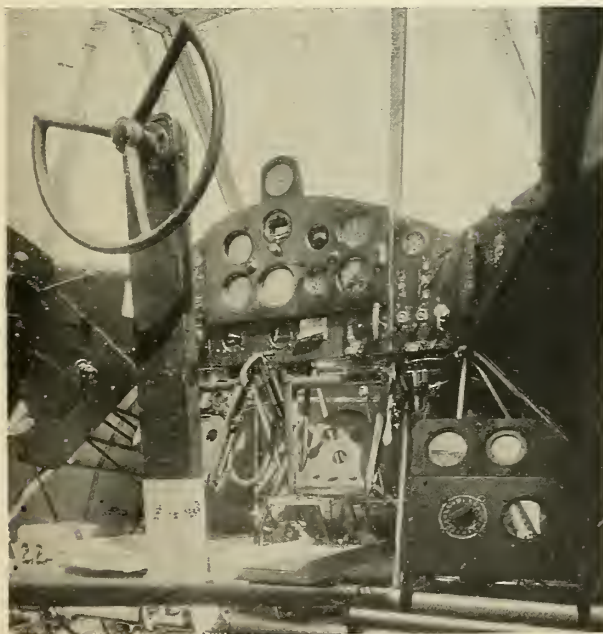
Controls are operated by cables attached to the conventional rudder and brake pedals and Dep control mechanism in the pilot's cockpit. The power plant consists of a Wright Cyclone model R 1820-25, 750 h.p. engine driving a Hamilton Standard propeller of the three-bladed, controllable-pitch type.

Three type A2 Pyrene fire extinguishers are provided. Two flare racks containing M8 airway flares are located in the floor of the compartment behind the

cargo cabin, and operated by cables leading to the standard type A3 release handles in the cockpit.

**Specifications**

Wing span .....	84 feet
Length overall .....	55 feet
Height overall.....	15 feet 10 inches
Weight empty .....	7322 pounds
Useful load .....	5678 pounds
Gross weight .....	13,000 pounds
Top speed .....	167 miles per hour
Cruising speed.....	140 miles per hour
Landing speed (with full load) ..	52 m.p.h.
Cruising range (full load) .....	750 miles



Pilot's cabin of the Fairchild military transport and an interior view showing fittings for various installations

# Radio Equipment for Aircraft

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● The value of immediate meteorological information can best be determined by the difference between the completion of a scheduled flight and a forced landing, due to adverse weather. Advanced information as to the visibility and expected changes in weather can be, and has been, best handled by the transmission of meteorological reports at the time the observation is made, rather than awaiting the arrival of a transport ship at a terminal. Radio provides the pilot with advanced information shortly after the observation is taken by the meteorological observer, thus eliminating delay and permitting rapid decisions to be safely made. The radio telephone system built for the airlines was devised to provide this service.

For five years development has progressed, each year bringing advances in technique and in the results expected from the transmission of messages from the airplane to the ground and vice versa. The first radiotelephone equipment developed for airplanes was by no means light in weight, the average two-way installation being in the neighborhood of 270 pounds and in some cases exceeding 300 pounds. However, this was to be expected, as little knowledge was available to the design engineers as to just what could be expected of certain component parts of the equipment. Exactly how light it could be made and still resist the vibration in aircraft of this period was a problem which required careful consideration.

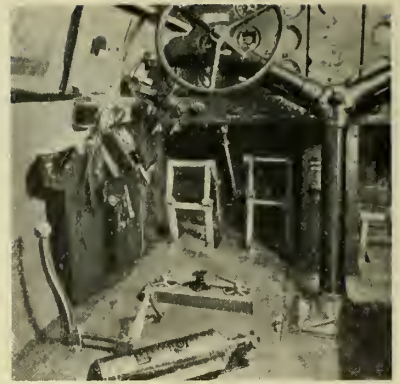
The past four years have shown a marked tendency toward lightening equipment and increasing the efficiency of the radio unit. With this in mind, RCA Victor's engineers set out to develop a radiotelephone system which would deliver sufficient antenna power to establish successful communication and at the same time remain within reason with re-

spect to weight. To this end a transmitter was developed and it is now possible for the pilot to have a reliable communication system and at the same time not be penalized in weight and cost. The present aircraft transmitter complete with tubes and microphone weighs slightly in excess of 35 pounds, and in keeping with the general type of construction of present-day pleasure and private airplanes, it is only 9 $\frac{7}{8}$  inches high, 10 $\frac{5}{8}$  inches wide and 16 $\frac{3}{8}$  inches long.

Special attention has been given throughout the design to the need for quick inspection and servicing of the equipment. The base consists of two parts, one of which is permanently fastened in the aircraft, the other fastened to the base by a cowl stud and two snap fasteners. This permits rapid removal of the complete transmitter for replacement and inspection. Snap fasteners on the transmitter panel permit the entire transmitter to be removed rapidly from its case and all parts of the transmitter are then readily inspected and serviced.

The dynamotor power supply, mounted as it is in its own shock-mounted sub base to the transmitter chassis, is readily removable for servicing, it being only necessary to remove four wing nuts and two come-apart electrical connectors. Transmitter controls are concentrated on one panel fastened to the transmitter chassis, permitting bench operation for testing and service work. The entire transmitter equipment, small and extremely light, is easily installed requiring only the fastening down of the bed plate to the aircraft and the connection of a 12-volt power supply, the antenna and ground.

The inter-connecting electrical cable, which is always heavy and bulky, is thus eliminated and the transmitter gear is concentrated in one location. This transmitter was designed primarily for installation within easy reach of the pilot or



Remote control panel and receiver volume control installation

the operator. The unit can be adapted to remote installation by inclusion of one electrical cable to control switching of electrical circuits and communication channel and switches of remote control points and wire push-pull control for frequency changing switch.

The transmitter derives its power from the 12-volt aircraft storage battery and draws its primary power of 25 amperes only when the microphone is spoken into or if the telegraph key is pressed.

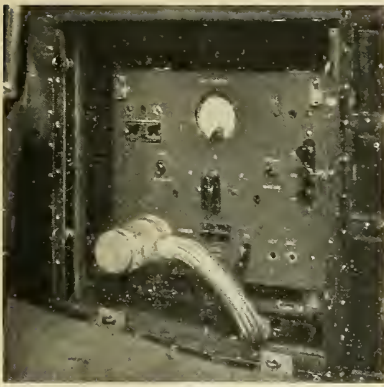
Three types of transmission are available: (a) continuous wave telegraph; (b) tone modulated telegraph; (c) telephone. Any one may be quickly selected by controls located on the front of the transmitter. A key with plug and cord is provided for telegraphic operation while a hand microphone is provided for telephone operation.

Three pretune frequencies are provided. A special combination of coils and condensers in a specially arranged assembly with drums switching the control knob projects through the front panel, permit immediate selection of any one of the three frequencies without further adjustment by the operator or pilot. This eliminates the possibility of a false adjustment or forgetting to adjust a component part of the transmitter to establish a certain frequency. Any three frequencies between 2 and 6  $\frac{5}{10}$  megacycles (46.2 to 150 meters) can be chosen and the transmitter fixed-tuned to these frequencies. Then it is only necessary for the operator to move the frequency control knob on the front of the transmitter to shift from day to night frequency or to the standard 3105 KC, the standard for use in communication with the Department of Commerce stations.

This design of transmitter will deliver 25 watts to the conventional aircraft antenna when any of the three methods of communication are used. The master oscillator power amplifier circuit is employed, permitting maximum frequency stability when carefully installed and operated. Operation on any one of the three frequencies, as before mentioned, is pos-



Richfield Oil Company's Northrop which is equipped with the new RCA radio unit



Transmitter in its compartment underneath a couch in the cabin

sible and regulation is well within the limits imposed by the Federal Radio Commission's regulations and the even more imposing regulations of present day aviation communications.

Three forms of signalling were incorporated in this transmitter to permit the operator to select the form which permits most satisfactory communication under existing conditions. This assures more perfect communication in all weather conditions than can be provided with a single form of a transmitter.

Years of operation of transmitter equipment on transport aircraft have proven that this latest feature is indispensable in the maintenance of reliable and consistent communication. A CW signal will carry through heavy static conditions when telephonic communication fails and it was for this reason that this type of communication has been incorporated in the design of this transmitter.

#### Tubes and Power Switching

The tube complement consists of type 10 tubes and type 41 tubes, a master oscillator of the 2-10 type, a speech amplifier of the 2-10 type tubes; two class B 841 modulators and two 2-10 type tubes used as power amplifiers. On modulated CW the tone modulation is supplied by the audio system, which is suitably switched to provide tone. On telephone, modulated power is supplied by two RCA 841 tubes in class B, driven by an RCA type 10 tube, used as a class A speech amplifier. The speech characteristic of this transmitter with the single button special type aircraft transmitter is nearly flat from 200 to 3,000 cycles.

Voltage readings are taken from three jacks, installed so as to read the filament voltage, the filament current and the total plate current. Two jacks are provided, one for microphone and antenna relay control and the other for a transmitter key. Switching from CW position to the ICW position lights the filament of this tone oscillator, which is of the 10 type tube and supplies approximately a 400-

cycle tone to the carrier. A suitable filter system and voltage divider are provided in the power supply to accommodate two aircraft receivers. The power switching on this transmitter consists of two switches, one of which controls the filament of the transmitter tubes and the other supplying +12 volts to the dynamotor. The arrangement whereby the plate supply for the receivers can be obtained from the transmitting dynamotor may possibly meet with some objection until it is considered that the transmitter dynamotor load is carried substantially by the charging generator on the airplane engine. Under operating load conditions,

the storage battery is floated across the charging line, the current being supplied by the generator and carefully regulated by the regulation control box. Installation difficulties in this type of transmitter are nominal.

In order to establish a remote control system it is necessary to run only one five-wire cable from the transmitter to the remote control unit.

The new Model RCA Victor aircraft receiver, type AVR-2 was installed for use in conjunction with the transmitter. A complete description of this model was published in the new equipment section of the March, 1934, issue of AERO DIGEST.

## Recent Aeronautical Patents

The following patents of interest to readers of AERO DIGEST recently were issued from the United States Patent Office and compiled by R. E. Burnham, patent and trade-mark attorney, 511 Eleventh Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Means for indicating rate and direction of movement; also sound locator and computer of aircraft. Frank R. House, Baldwin Harbor, N. Y., assignor to Sperry Gyroscope Co. (1,976,726 and 1,976,727)

Variable-pitch propeller mechanism. John R. Zipay, Pittsburgh, Pa. (1,977,031)

Aircraft propeller. William H. Lyman, Denver, Colo. (1,977,072)

Controllable-pitch propeller hub. Fred J. Martens and Clinton O. Thompson, Milwaukee, Wis. (1,977,077)

Aerial navigation signaling system. Alexander McL. Nicolson, New York, N. Y., assignor to Communication Patents, Inc. (1,977,198)

Aircraft. Donald Mackenzie, Los Angeles, Calif. (1,977,392)

Magnetic steering indicator. Roland F. Beers, Belmont, Mass., assignor to Submarine Signal Co. (1,977,615)

Airplane construction. Henry A. Berliner, Washington, D.C., assignor to Berliner-Joyce Aircraft Corp., Dundalk, Md. (1,977,616)

Apparatus adapted for lighting the ground and for aircraft signals. Marie C. M. Exelmans, Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, assignor to Holophane Co., New York, N. Y. (1,977,673)

Propeller. Roger K. Lee, Highland Park, Mich., and Edward F. Zaparka, Baltimore, Md. (1,977,681)

Torque compensator for rotating wing systems. Russell R. Hays, Wellsville, Kans. (1,977,724)

Ground speed and drift indicator. Harold Gatty, Ocean Park, Calif. (1,977,762)

Aircraft having pivotally- and rotatively-mounted sustaining blades. Harold F. Pitcairn, Bryn Athyn, Pa., assignor to Autogiro Co. (1,977,834)

Flying machine. Frank J. Baume, Los Angeles, Calif. (1,977,843)

Magnetic compass. Wladimir A. Reichel, Philadelphia, Pa., assignor to Aircraft Control Corp. (1,977,954)

Spinner structure for aircraft. Frank W. Caldwell, Hartford, Conn., and Carl F. Rauen, Detroit, Mich. (1,978,039)

Ball gyroscopic compass. Reginald E. Gillmore, New York, N. Y. (1,978,425)

Airplane stabilizer structure. Roscoe L. Markey and Harold Sadler, Dundalk, Md., assignors to General Aviation Mfg. Corp. (1,978,640)

Airplane control. David Gregg, Caldwell, and Wesley L. Smith, Cranford, N. J., assignors to Eclipse Aviation Corp. (1,978,863)

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Transverse driven body. Julius F. Ziegler, Vienna, Austria. (1,979,184)

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Aircraft altitude determination system. Albert H. Taylor, Leo C. Young, and Lawrence A. Hyland, Washington, D.C. (1,979,297)

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# NEW EQUIPMENT and METHODS

## Welding Developments

• MANUFACTURERS OF welding equipment and welding accessories are keeping abreast of developments in the art of welding by producing devices which speed up work, facilitate production and assure better results.

The Lincoln Electric Co., of Cleveland, for instance, has just announced a new, small, motor generator unit to satisfy the demands for an arc welder for thin sheets, plates and shapes and metal-working. In addition, a new synchronous-motor-operated timer which automatically and accurately times the power supply to resistance welders by controlling the contactor on the welder, is available from the General Electric Co.

The Lincoln welder, type SA 75, can be supplied for use on any alternating current power line including 110-volt circuit, and will deliver as low as 20 amp. at the arc without auxiliary devices. It is of AC motor-driven type employing a 25-volt arc within a 20-100 amp. current range. The generator is a single operator, variable voltage type with 75 amp. N.E.M.A. rating; the motor is the Linc Weld, 3-h.p., squirrel cage induction type for across-the-line starting, while the welder is supplied for alternating current 110 and 550 or special voltages of 3, 2 or 1 phase, 60 and 50 cycles, as desired. A dual control provides easy welding by allowing independent adjustment of open circuit voltage and welding current.

The GE CR7933 timer consists of a 60 r.p.m. synchronous motor operating a set of contacts which control the opening and closing of a welding contactor. In normal operation, with the welder idle, power is applied to the reverse winding of the timer motor, causing rotation until a projection on the motor shaft closes the contact, hits the stop and stalls the motor. This contact is in series with the line contactor operating coil and the initiating switch (control) on the welder.

In making a weld, the initiating switch is closed, energizing the contactor coil, closing the contactor and applying power to the welder. Simultaneously, power is shifted to the forward winding of the timer synchronous motor. During forward rotation of the motor, the timer contact is held closed by a magnet until a second projection on the motor shaft opens it and thereby opens the line contactor circuit and removes power from the welder. The duration of current flow at the weld depends on the setting of the timer and has no relation to the period the initiating switch is closed. Opening the latter switch allows the timer to reset automatically for the next weld. Resetting does not take place, however,

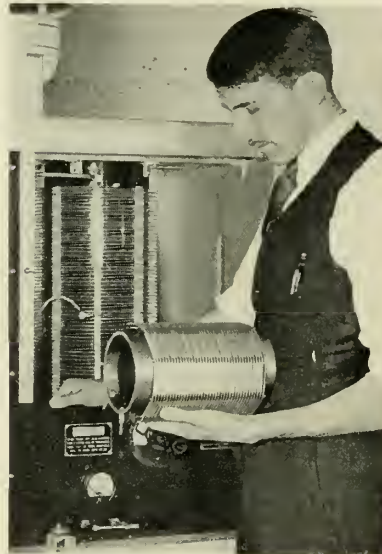
until the completion of a weld, because an interlock on the welder contactor holds the circuit for the duration of the weld.

A graduated disk associated with the second projection on the timer motor shaft sets the timer for a given duration of welding current. A range of from 1/12 to 5/6 per sec. in one-cycle steps (60-cycle supply) is thus available, welding times up to 5 seconds, being obtained by using a lower-speed timer motor.

## Improved Aircraft Radio Beacons

• NEW WESTINGHOUSE antenna tuning units to improve present radio beacon service, and to prevent skyward radiation of signals are being manufactured for installation on the Department of Commerce airways at the Chicopee Falls, Mass., works of the Westinghouse company.

When using older types of antennas for the radio beacon stations, a considerable quantity of the radiated energy was



The Westinghouse tuning unit for beacons

directed skywards at night, and on being reflected from the sky, caused interference with the original wave traveling along the ground, making on-course flight at times uncertain. By installing four vertical antennas for each station, it has been possible to largely eliminate the amount of signals radiated skywards.

Each vertical antenna requires at its base, a tuning unit which is enclosed in a sheet aluminum and ventilated house which prevents water and other foreign matter from getting inside to cause short circuits.

## Flexible Insulation

• A FOUR-FEATURE insulation has just been announced by the Wire Division of United States Rubber Products, Inc., New York, N. Y.

Called Laytex, the material is derived directly from latex, the milk of the rubber tree and through a patented process, proteins, sugars and water solubles are removed. A conductor is then run through a series of liquid baths, and during each bath a film of insulation, which is converted from liquid to solid, is taken on the conductor. The liquid is solidified on any given section of the conductor before that section is in physical contact with any mechanical support, thus avoiding usual mechanical defects, and assuring perfect centering and uniform wall thickness.

Flexibility is evidenced by elongation tests which show a 750% stretch; tensile strength is 5,000 lbs. per square inch; a high dielectric constant is evolved from the purity and uniformity of Laytex, while its insulation resistance constant is more than twice as high as that of the best grade rubber compound required by the A.S.T.M. specifications. Because of the above qualities, thinner walls, superior in physical and electrical characteristics, are possible, thus saving space and weight.

## Scrap Metal Baling Press

• A RECENT development of the Hydraulic Press Mfg. Co., Mount Gilead, Ohio, is a box-type scrap metal baling press, incorporating the H-P-M Hydro-Power principle of operation.

The baling press, completely self-contained with its motor driven hydro-power unit mounted on the press at one end, consists of a box built up of massive ribbed steel castings to take the loose scrap metal. It is closed by a sliding door, actuated by a hydraulic cylinder.

Pressure is applied to the scrap first from the end, and then from the side by platens moving into the box operated by hydraulic rams. Pressure application is controlled through 3 lever-actuated valves.

Two pumps, each of the rotary, high-speed, oil pressure type, build up the pressure. The first delivers a large volume of oil at medium pressure; the second, a new variable delivery radial type, builds pressure up to maximum, while a control automatically regulates the pump's pressure and output volume.

Compactness, smooth action, speed of operation and ease of control are among the features claimed for this new baler.

## Refining Aviation Oil

• THE CLEAROSOL Process for refining motor oils has been adapted for aviation oils by the Socony-Vacuum Corp., and it is now possible to market a product which it is claimed will greatly reduce wear of moving parts in aircraft engines. The new process also insures freedom from ring gumming, excessive carbon deposits and sludge formation.

The Clearosol Process effects a purely physical separation of the paraffinic hydrocarbons from the non-paraffinic compounds and undesirable asphaltic materials. The separation is obtained by mixing the lubricating oil stocks with two solvents.

The valuable paraffinic compounds dissolve in one solvent and the undesirable elements dissolve in the other. Due to the difference in specific gravity, these two resulting solutions are easily separated.

## Constant Speed Propeller

• A NEW-TYPE propeller, which removes the two-pitch limitation of the controllable-pitch propeller and automatically selects the optimum position for every flight condition has been developed by the Hamilton Standard Propeller Co., E. Hartford, Conn.

Called the constant speed propeller, the new device consists essentially of a governor unit attached to the machine gun synchronizer shaft at the rear of the engine. Changes in the engine r.p.m. are directly and automatically transmitted to the propeller blade adjusting mechanism, at all times, through the governor control to provide an infinite number of pitch selections and hold the engine revolutions to whatever operating speed the pilot selects. Any tendency of the engine to either increase or decrease its speed, due to load variations, is immediately counteracted by the automatic changing of the blade pitch in the direction necessary to bring the engine speed back to the selected operating speed.

At the take-off, the engine-speed control is set at the maximum allowable revolutions, the pilot opening his throttle until the maximum permissible manifold pressure is reached. The automatic feature holds the engine speed to the selected full-power r.p.m., regardless of any change in forward speed of the plane.

When the cruising altitude is reached, the pilot reduces the setting of the engine-speed control to cruising r.p.m., and adjusts his throttle accordingly. If the altitude is changed, the only adjustment required is a change in throttle setting to obtain the manifold pressure for the new altitude.

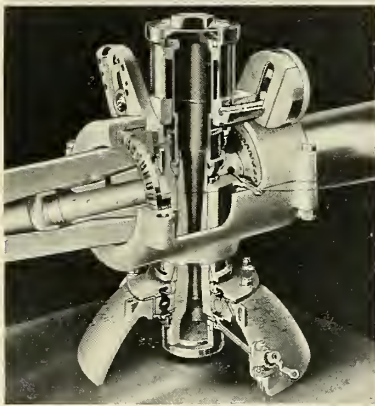
In landing, the throttle is nearly closed, but the engine continues to turn at almost

full speed because the blade pitch angles have been continuously reduced by the automatic control. Immediate full-engine-power is then available if necessary.

Flight tests have been made with planes powered with geared or direct drive engines from 300 to 725 h.p., using two- and three-bladed props.

The precision of the control is noted during the normal cruising conditions, and the control readily responds to sudden changes in the plane's attitude or to other operating-condition changes such as sudden opening or closing of the throttle.

Engine synchronization at all times and reduction of vibration are other advantages derived from the new device. The unit in its present form is simple and rugged, about the size of a carburetor,



Cut-away view of the constant speed Hamilton Standard propeller

adding four or five pounds to the propeller-engine weight and can be installed to existing controllable pitch two-bladed Hamilton Standard props as a field modification. The accompanying illustration shows in the lower right corner the actuating lever which is attached to the automatic governor.

## Steam Heating Air Transports

• A STEAM-HEATING plant, thermostatically controlled to maintain a constant temperature of 70° F., in the passenger cabins of airliners is the latest achievement of aeronautical engineers.

One of these new units has been installed in the TWA Douglas twin-engined transport flying the coast-to-coast service. The steam heater is a miniature boiler in which water is heated by the engine exhaust. The thermostatic control maintains a constant temperature of 70° in the 14-passenger cabin even though the outside temperature falls to -20°.

Besides the greater comfort of a constant cabin temperature, the steam heater eliminates any possibility of noxious exhaust gases entering the cabin.

## Brazing Flux

• DEVELOPED TO speed and improve brazing operations on ferrous or non-ferrous metals, Handy Flux is being marketed by Handy & Harman, New York, N. Y.

A low melting point, greater solvent action and strong and dependable joints are claimed for the product. Made in paste form, the flux works over a wide temperature range, spreading rapidly over the work and avoiding bare spots or blowing away of the flux by the force of the blow torch. The manufacturers recommend its use for a wide variety of metal and other ferrous and non-ferrous metals and alloys.

## High-Speed Milling Head

• EX-CELL-O Aircraft & Tool Corp., Detroit, Mich., has a new high-speed milling head adapted for use on horizontal boring mills and milling machines, and providing the higher speed-range required for the smaller sizes of end-mills and drills.

The driving shank of the head is furnished with a No. 5 Morse taper which makes it adaptable for use in all boring mills and milling machine spindles. The spindle in the high-speed head is furnished with a No. 4 Morse taper which represents the most popular size for end mills, drills, chucks, etc.

The step-up ratio of the head is 4:1 over the spindle speed of the machine. The unit is designed for a top speed of 1500 r.p.m., on the high-speed milling spindle and has a maximum capacity of 1" diameter end mills and 1" diameter drills in steel.

The body of the milling head and the driving shank are of one-piece construction, the high-speed spindle being mounted in the body of the milling head by precision-tapered roller bearings. Planet idler gears are mounted by roller bearings on hardened pins securely anchored on both sides of the idler gears. Light-grade transmission grease is used to provide adequate lubrication.

A boss is on the outside diameter of the milling head, supporting a torque bar which engages with another bar mounted on the column of the machine parallel to the axis of the machine spindle. The torque bar attached to the head and the clamp for mounting the parallel bar are furnished with the head. The parallel bar is provided by the customer to meet the requirements of the individual job.

A knockout pin for drifting the end mills and other tools from the high-speed spindle extends through the driving shank so that the tools can be removed without removing the milling head from the machine spindle.

# Direct Control American Wingless Autogiros

● Differing radically from previous conventional autogiros, two new models, one an open cockpit type, the other a cabin job, have just been demonstrated to the aviation industry in the United States by Kellett Autogiro Corp., and Autogiro Company of America, respectively. In these models, wings, ailerons and elevators have been entirely eliminated and use of the rudder is optional with the pilot. Three-bladed, folding rotor systems have replaced the rigid, four-bladed units previously used.

Control is maintained through inclination of the entire rotor system, which is so mounted as to pivot on a universal axis in accordance with the conventional movements of the control stick. This new control system provides positive control of the craft at all times and under all conditions ranging from vertical descent and no forward speed to the maximum speed condition.

## Pitcairn Autogiro

Direct control—a return to fundamentals in more ways than one as regards autogiro practice—made its initial appearance in this country when James G. Ray, vice-president of the Autogiro Company of America, demonstrated the first American machine of the type to the public at Washington on November 8.

Direct control means that the entire machine is controlled directly through its sustaining mechanism, or rotor, without the aid of ailerons, elevators, rudder or other surfaces subject to extreme changes in effectiveness with each change in forward speed. In the first American model a rudimentary rudder is used but will be dispensed with on instruction machines. The conventional rudder has proven unnecessary for ordinary flight within the entire speed range.

This speed range is now from 17 to 105 m.p.h. with the experimental machine which has been under development by the Autogiro Company of America since



Pitcairn autogiro in flight over Washington

April, 1933, giving a factual ratio of better than 6:1. Performance measurements have been made on days as nearly windless as possible, and corrected by averaging the results of flights both with and against the wind. As evidence of the low speed performance, a man can outrun the machine under ordinary conditions.

While bearing evidence of its experimental nature and history (the machine is in fact a mockup and has been several times altered in nearly all essentials), the performance of the experimental direct control 'giro shows more markedly different characteristics as compared with the other 'giros than was the case as between the first production autogiros and airplanes. Having eliminated the rudder, the factor of coordination between stick movement and rudder bar has disappeared from instruction, and "crossing controls" is eliminated. The control-differential between high and low speed conditions has been eliminated for all practical purposes.

The present two-place, side-by-side cabin autogiro indicates a general type such as might be developed to promote the use of aircraft by the general public. The details of construction are capable of refinement and the general arrangement does not necessarily represent the ultimate form.

In autogiros of the direct control type the control stick is the inverted or hanging type, being pivoted to the cabin roof

in the center and easily accessible to either occupant. Push-pull rods connect the stick with the rotor mounting to effect control movements of the rotor hub, this arrangement giving a minimum number of joints.

When the autogiro is on the ground the control stick is moved to the forward position and secured there by a latch. The rotor is then at its low incidence, least affected by wind gusts. This position is also maintained while revving up preliminary to take-off, and when the rotor revolutions reach flight-speed, the stick is unlatched and the rotor clutch disengaged. Take-off is accomplished after a short run by pulling back on the stick in the usual manner.

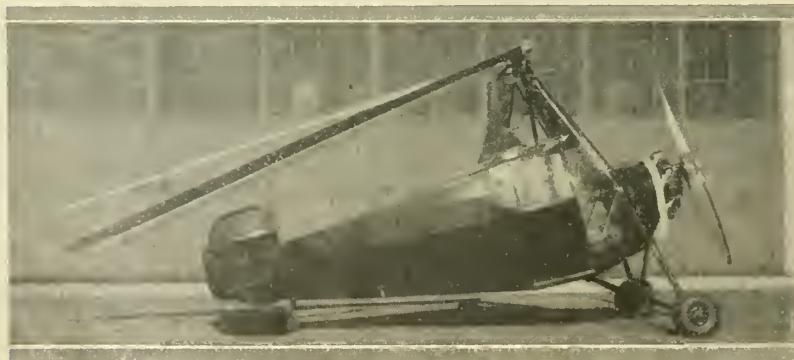
From a structural point of view, the landing gear closely resembles orthodox type. The front wheels, however, are placed much further forward than has been the practice in airplane or previous autogiro construction so that a greater part of the weight is carried by the steerable tail wheel. The ground angle is also less than is usual in aircraft practice.

In a normal take-off the tail remains on the ground until the three wheels lift. This procedure does not penalize the take-off since, because with the fixed wing eliminated, it is not necessary to get the tail up to gain take-off speed (approximately 25 m.p.h.). Take-off is accomplished by increasing the rotor incidence without changing the fuselage attitude appreciably.

The low-speed characteristics and flying qualities of an autogiro of this type are adaptable to the needs of the amateur flyer. Most of the minimum forward speed can be eradicated before contact with the ground by increasing the incidence of the rotor, and the actual landing may be made with little or no forward speed.

Full control is available, even at zero forward speeds, since the rotor, which retains its lift regardless of forward speed, produces the control moments. Thus the effect of gusts may be adjusted, even when landing with no forward velocity. In flight the machine is easily controlled and maneuvered. Bungees are provided which may be adjusted for various conditions of loading and flight, so that the controls may be flown hands-off. Turns, climbs and other normal maneuvers may be practiced by a novice without danger of spins from improper handling, or of control failure from the older style control surfaces.

Blades are arranged to fold and since there are no fixed wings, the width of the storage space is determined by the span of the tail surfaces (7 ft. in the experimental machine). The blade folding



Side view of Pitcairn wingless two-place cabin autogiro with rotor blades folded

process is extremely simple, the rotor having but three blades, two are folded back alongside the third over the tail of the ship. The folding pivot is the same about which the blade is mounted for movement in the plan of rotation during flight. By removing a pin which normally acts as a stop to restrict the angular movement of the blade to a few degrees, the blade can be folded back. Because the main blade pivotal connection is not disturbed when folding the blades, nothing untoward can be caused by failing to properly replace the removable pin.

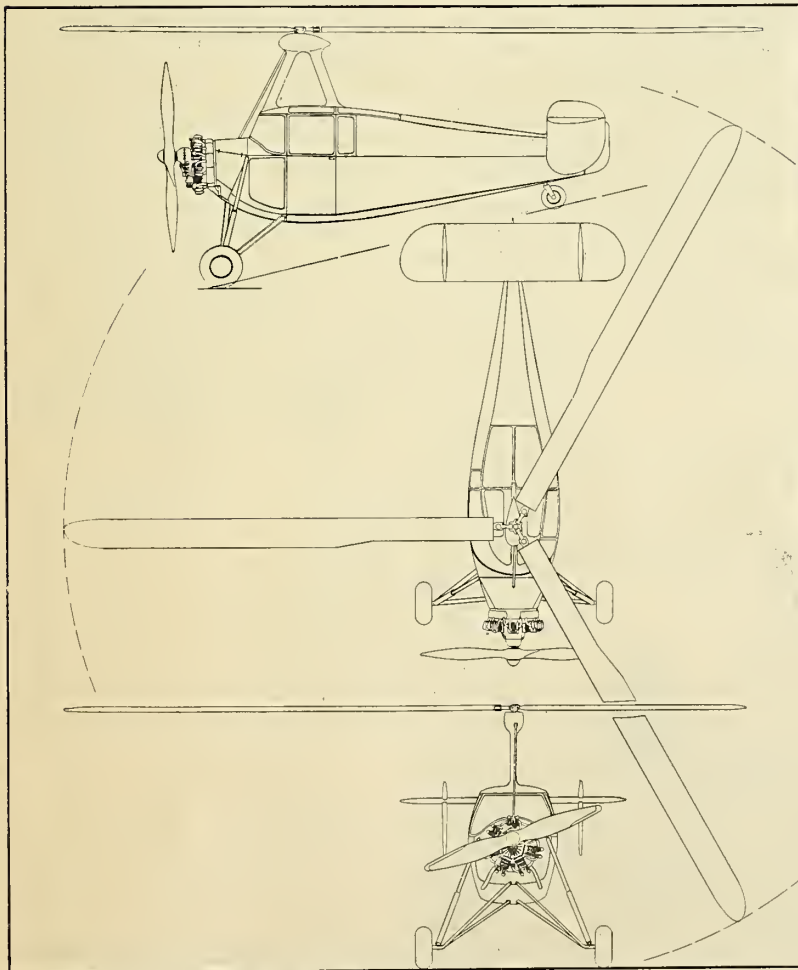
The absence of a fixed wing permits excellent vision in all directions. Transparent panels are provided in the lower forward sides of the cabin, as well as in the roof for vision upwards, downwards and to the rear. The fact that the engine is geared, with the propeller axis above the center of the engine, permits it to be placed lower in the fuselage while still giving adequate propeller clearance. Good forward vision results from this arrangement.

An additional advantage gained from

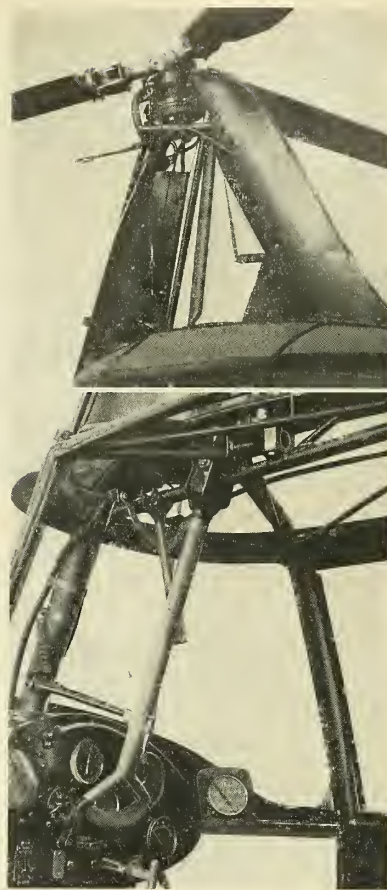
the use of the geared propeller is that the fuselage may be somewhat lowered. Ease of access to the occupant's compartment is thus provided, the absence of fixed wings or struts adding materially to this feature. The low center of gravity naturally gives good ground stability.

The new-type autogiro does not depend upon forward speed for either stability or control, since the rotor retains dynamic qualities giving sustentation, stability and control even with the body of the machine settling vertically and without power. Engine failure should not seriously menace the safety of the occupants, for a landing is possible in almost any spot large enough to accommodate the machine. The same qualities which produce the autogiro's landing characteristics also work to insure safety during flight.

The blades of an autogiro are highly loaded. Lift is retained at low speed since the blade-velocity is not reduced appreciably when forward speed decreases. Thus the autogiro has exceptionally desirable landing qualities and at the same time is excellent riding,



Three-view outline drawing of Pobjoy-powered Pitcairn wingless autogiro



Top: Rotor hub system in the Pitcairn autogiro. Below: Hanging-type control stick and instrument panel

even in bumpy air. Moreover to obtain these characteristics does not require the operation of additional controls by the operator. They are inherently combined in the autogiro and greatly enhanced in the dual-control type.

The empty weight of this autogiro is about 600 lbs. with a gross weight of approximately 1,140 lbs. The top speed is 105 m.p.h., with cruising speed at 90 m.p.h. at substantially reduced throttle. With greater attention to streamlining, the top speed will be improved somewhat. With 17 gallons of fuel, the range is approximately 350 miles. Diameter of the rotor is 32 ft.

#### Kellett KD-1

The Kellett KD-1 direct control autogiro is a two-place, open tandem-cockpit machine powered by a Jacobs L4 engine of 225 h.p.

Alloy steel and alloy steel tubing and fittings throughout feature construction of the fuselage. The pilot and passenger seats are shaped and located for maximum comfort and upholstery is provided around the cockpit for appearance, comfort, and durability. The fuselage

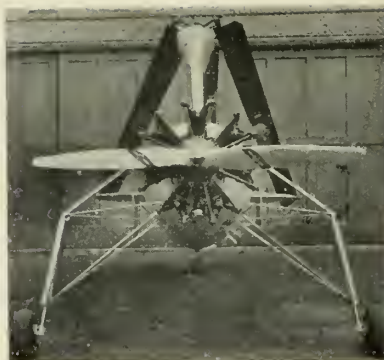
cross-section and cockpit cowling is designed to give maximum visibility.

The 9 ft. 6 in. landing gear is of the double-fixed tripod type with the axle telescoping in the shock strut, providing the nearly vertical wheel travel necessary for autogiro landings. The wheels, which move slightly inward as they travel upward relative to the autogiro (to better absorb the shocks of a side landing), are mounted on tapered roller bearings for long life and proper alignment of the brake drum relative to the brake shoes.

Mounted in an Army-type steerable tail-wheel fork connected to the rudder pedals, the full-swiveling tail wheel provides positive steering. The holding and release mechanism is purely automatic, disconnecting itself when necessary for handling on the ground and connecting itself to the rudder control when taxiing. Extra long travel of the tail wheel shock strut provides good shock absorbing qualities when landing and easier riding qualities when taxiing.

The tail group of the direct control autogiro does not include an elevator control, this feature being unnecessary because of the control provided in the rotor, and vertical surfaces are of ample area to give directional stability. The rudder, though comparatively small, is sufficient to take care of changes in balance due to engine torque and is not used during normal flying maneuvers.

The rotor blades are attached to a hub which rotates freely on a short spindle mounted so that it can be tilted sideways or fore and aft by the control stick in the pilot's cockpit. This direct control mechanism furnishes positive longitudinal and lateral control and has eliminated the necessity for the fixed wing with its ailerons for lateral control.



Kellett autogiro with rotor folded

Rotor blades are built around high tensile-strength, brightly polished alloy steel tubes. The inner ends of the spars contain hydraulic dampers for controlling the position of the blades about the vertical hinge pins, the dampers being so constructed that the oil is kept in the sealed bottom of the cylinders by centrifugal force, thus eliminating packing to retain the oil.

Extension blocks which connect the blades to the hub act as universal blocks, allowing the blades to flap and oscillate freely in the needle bearings, and include cams and blade stops used to self-center the blades and provide positive stops to limit their motion.

The hub, machined from an alloy steel forging, is mounted on a spindle by a thrust and two radial ball bearings and the hub-controlling trunion bearings are of the non-friction needle-type providing smooth operation.

Mounting of the rotor system is at the upper end of a large streamlined chrome

molybdenum steel tube pylon strut, the tension loads going to the lower end of the strut to minimize the use of welded fittings or holes drilled at the point of maximum bending stress.

A rotor starter unit is mounted aft of the engine, including a pair of bevel gears and a clutch, with ball bearings used throughout. The clutch, which follows automobile practice using a limiting torque clutch in combination with a cone clutch, is controlled by a conveniently located handle in the cockpit.

The provision for folding back the rotor blades over the tail surfaces while the machine is on the ground, brings the overall dimensions of this giro to 26 ft. × 10 ft. 3 in. × 10 ft. 4 in.

Control bearings throughout the control system are of either needle bearings or ball bearings. Bungee adjustments are provided to give lateral and longitudinal balance for any load condition at any speed. Control movements and forces of rudder and stick are coordinated and rotor starter and brake controls are arranged on the metal instrument board with the engine controls and instruments.

The Jacobs engine is a special model designed for autogiro use to improve the installation of the rotor starter and Heywood pump. The engine mounting is cushioned and the Curtiss-Reed fixed-pitch propeller is included as standard equipment as is a Heywood compressed-air starter.

Fuel tanks for 50 gallons are of welded aluminum mounted on the sides of the fuselage outside the fuselage structure and held in place with felt-padded steel straps. The 4-gallon oil tank, of similar construction to the fuel tanks, is mounted inside the engine compartment.

Specifications (with blades folded) and performance data (at sea level) of the Kellett KD-1 direct control autogiro are as follows:

#### Specifications

Length	.....25 feet 10 inches
Width	.....10 feet 4 inches
Height	.....10 feet 3 inches
Rotor diameter	.....40 feet
Wheel tread	.....9 feet 6 inches
Horizontal tail area	.....22 square feet
Vertical tail area	.....12 square feet
Empty weight	.....1352 pounds
Fuel	.....300 pounds
Oil	.....30 pounds
Loaded weight	.....2052 pounds

#### Performance

High speed	.....125 miles per hour
Cruising speed	.....103 miles per hour
Minimum horizontal speed	.....16 m.p.h.
Rate of climb	.....100 feet per minute
Cruising range	.....361 miles
Cruising endurance	...3 hours 30 minutes
Take-off run	.....60 feet
Landing run	.....Zero



Kellett's open-cockpit version of the wingless autogiro with 225 h.p. Jacobs engine



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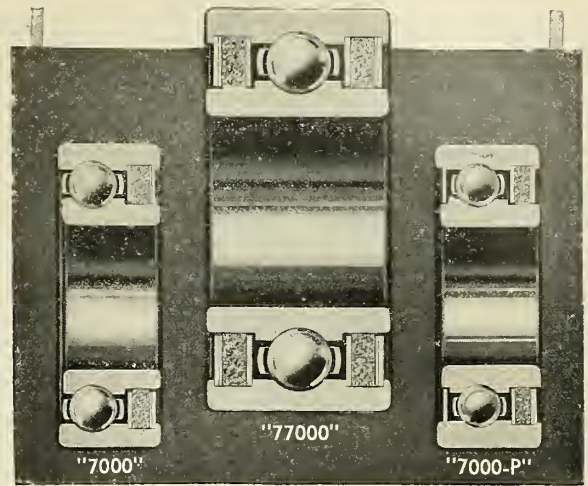
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# AT THE AIRPORTS

## *Troy Airport Improved*

PREPARATIONS ARE under way for the immediate construction of an administration building, a hangar and the installation of lighting facilities at the Troy, N. Y., airport.

The administration building will be a one-story structure of brick and steel, measuring 30 × 64 feet. Directly opposite the intersection of the runways, it will house the administration offices, waiting room, radio room, Department of Commerce office, Weather Bureau and other facilities.

The hangar will parallel this building and will measure 90 × 120 feet with a 20-foot lean-to extending the length of the structure which will allow housing four large transport and 10 small private planes. Space will be set aside for additional hangars.

The lighting installation will include government-approved features, among which are runway intersection lights, obstruction and boundary lights, approach lights and a beacon and code flasher. In addition, there will be two ceiling projectors and a lighted wind indicator.

## *Two New Companies Operating*

NEW ADDITIONS to the list of fixed base operators in the United States include companies in Ohio and South Dakota.

The Watertown Airways, Watertown, S. D., has been incorporated by George L. Jackson, Clyde Ice and Glenn Davey with a capitalization of \$25,000, while the Canton (Ohio) Air Transport, Inc., has been formed with a similar capitalization by Harry S. Renkert, Jr., Daniel Q. Gennett and A. H. D'Aurora.

## *Lima Airport Dedicated*

THE MUNICIPAL airport at Lima, Ohio, was dedicated with an impressive air show which featured the acrobatic flying of Lieut. Joe Jacobson, Gordon P. Mougey, Capt. Lewis A. Yancey and Lieut. J. C. Mackey.

Delayed parachute jumps by Taylor Mast were also featured on the program. More than 25,000 spectators witnessed the ceremonies. Speakers included Theodore Tangeman, Ohio Secretary of

Commerce, Congressman Frank Klobb, Mayor Allen L. Metheany, and Major Fred L. Smith, director of Ohio aeronautics. Bill Smith was at the "mike."

## **TULSA SHOWS OPERATING PROFIT OF \$4,165**

NET OPERATING profit of the Tulsa, Okla., municipal airport for the year ending June 30, 1934, was \$4,165.87, according to O. W. Duncan, airport auditor. Land owned by the airport is valued at \$239,345.34 and \$42,232.40 has been spent on grading and improving it; \$5,739.02 for storm sewers, \$79,493.22 for roads and runways and \$125,988.81 for buildings.

## *Vermilya-Huffman Expand*

THE FLYING service of the Vermilya-Huffman company at Lunken Field, Cincinnati, Ohio, has been expanded through the opening of a field at San Benito, Tex.

Creation of this field for general flying purposes and particularly charter work, caused the company to enlarge its capital to 400 shares of no par value stock. Incorporators are Walter J. Friedlander, C. I. Friedlander, Wright Vermilya, Jr., Stanley C. Huffman and Hermann A. Bayless.

## *Mississippi Airport Dedicated*

WITH A crowd estimated at 8000 attending, Hattiesburg, Miss., dedicated its newest airport, Sky Harbor, with a program of stunts, acrobatic flying, parachute jumps and special aerial events. The airport was built and put into operation by James Daniels.

Among those participating in the dedication exercises were Max Holifield, Charles Gilly, John Beaumont, and the Fordyce Brothers.

It is expected that work will soon get under way on the construction of a hangar for the new field. This is the second field in the city, the other field being municipally owned.

## *Cumberland Field Nears Completion*

THE MUNICIPAL airport at Cumberland, Md., is rapidly nearing completion. Adequate landing and take-off space for any plane is now available and when finally completed, the field will have two runways, one, 4000 by 400 feet, extending East-West and the other, 3200 by 300 feet, running Northwest-Southeast.

The airport is a short distance from the city and is marked with boundary markers and the standard 100-foot circle at the intersection of the runways. Gas, oil, rental and service are available.

## *Idaho To Improve Airports*

APPROXIMATELY \$85,000 will be spent to improve eight of Idaho's 73 airports within the next few months, the funds coming from the FERA. The projects are at Burley, Boise, Coeur D'Alene, Downey, Kellogg, Sandpoint, Soda Springs and Victor.

The airports at Coeur D'Alene and Kellogg are to be lighted.

## *New Lighting System Completed*

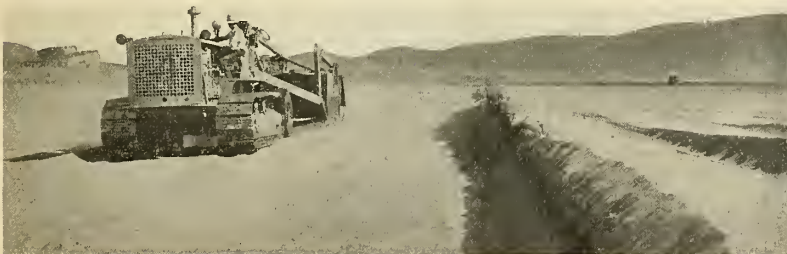
FINISHING TOUCHES have been placed on the extensive lighting system at the Pierce County Municipal Airport, Tacoma, Wash. There are about 25 miles of heavy electric cable laid underground, carrying sufficient current for the illumination of the field, whose lights exceed one million lumen.

The illumination system has been developed by Commissioner Lester Kelly and is being studied by many airport managers in the west. The entire system embraces beacon, primary and secondary floodlights, boundary lights, green traffic lights, red signals and other illumination. Some of the novel lighting effects include the special attention to night landings, and the training of special lights into the path of the arriving plane.

## *Michigan Airport Work Progresses*

DURING THE past summer much productive work was done in improving existing airports in Michigan and work on new airports started under the CWA program last winter continued. This work was carried on under the Work Division of the FERA with the cooperation of the County Road Commissions and local departments of Public Works. All work is being done under the general supervision of the State Department of Aeronautics.

Some funds were made available early in the summer to purchase materials and pay equipment rentals necessary to complete all airport projects. These funds have now been nearly allocated and there is assurance that all airport projects now under construction will be completed. Several of the larger projects, however, may not be completed to the extent originally intended.



Caterpillar 75 and LeTourneau Carry-all leveling site for the Wenatchee, Wash., airport

### Air Shows at Lambert Field

A SERIES of air shows to interest the public in air travel are being held each Sunday at the Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport. The project is sponsored by the activities' committee of the Lambert-St. Louis Airport Association, and the entertainment will be supplied by a different member each Sunday. The final program will be paid for out of a fund raised by a pro-rata assessment based on the number of seats in planes owned by the association members.

### Scranton Airport Rebuilt

THE AIRPORT at Scranton, Pa., has been rebuilt with the aid of CWA funds. This field is lighted, provides twenty-four hour service and is a two-stop station for American Airlines on its New York-Buffalo run.

Harold D. Swank is field manager.

### St. Louis Mail Increases

THE ST. LOUIS Post Office dispatched 1644 pounds more air mail during the months of September and October than for the same period last year.

Receipts of air mail in September-October, 1934, amounted to 13,366 pounds. Outgoing mail during the two months of this year weighed 12,488 pounds.

### Missouri Port To Be Sold

THE CITY of Mexico, Mo., is advertising for bids for the sale of its municipal airport, a 246-acre tract, two miles from the city. Several years ago the city paid \$11,200 for the tract, buying it as a prospective site for a railroad terminal unit, but business conditions halted negotiations and the farm has since been used as an airport.

### Hangar Plans Progress

EVERY EFFORT will be made to start work on the proposed hangar at the Little Rock, Ark., municipal airport within two months, Mayor Knowlton announced following a decision of the Arkansas Supreme Court which held that

the city may borrow \$69,500 from the PWA for the project. The hangar would include an administration section for all airport offices, a lobby and waiting room. The building will be brick and steel, of fireproof construction. Plans have been completed for several months.

### Oklahoma City To Improve Port

IMPROVEMENTS COSTING \$11,822 to be made at the Oklahoma City municipal airport include construction of a garage near the north hangar, a ramp in the basement of the terminal building for the movement of materials, a graveled runway extending northwest across the field and extension of the north-south and east-west runways.

### Activity at Niles Increasing

STUDENT PILOTS at the Niles, Mich., airport, have increased from two to 14 during the summer. The airport is now the base for six planes owned by local residents, and is the scene of frequent flying meets and exhibitions.

### Airway Beacons Installed

THE MICHIGAN State Department of Aeronautics recently completed the installation of airway beacons at Sturgis and Coldwater, both beacons being in operation daily from sunset until sunrise. An additional beacon was erected on Bundy Tower, approximately five miles west of Somerset along the Detroit-Chicago airway.

The Department is now operating ten airway beacons along the Detroit-Muskegon airway.

### Aircraft Brokers Organized

AMERICAN AIRCRAFT Co., a new firm of aviation brokers, has been formed in Portland, Ore., with offices and shops at the Swan Island Airport where the financing and sale of new and used airplanes and the development of a sales plan will be handled. Heading the organization is M. H. Jones, president; James L. Meadows, vice-president; and Stewart Weiss, secretary-treasurer.

### Kirsch Airport Improved

BEACON, GROUND lights and other equipment have been installed in the Kirsch airport, the municipal field newly established at Sturgis, Mich., being used for emergency landings on the main route of the American Airlines. High tension power lines in proximity to the field are being moved, and the runways completed for handling heavy ships.

### Flying Service Discontinues

AERECO FLYING Service, Fort Wayne, Ind., with headquarters at the Paul Baer Municipal airport, has been dissolved, and its equipment sold. Earlier plans for the sale of the service as a going concern at Fort Wayne were not carried through; and in October the equipment, consisting of a Fleet Trainer and a Curtiss Robin, was sold to purchasers at Hartford, Conn. The Aereco service had been operating for a number of years.

### ATA Rating Sought By Tulsa

AN IMPROVEMENT program now under way at the Tulsa, Okla., municipal airport will, according to Charles W. Short, Jr., manager, give the port an ATA rating. The program includes re-oiling and runways approaching the asphalt the hard-surfaced slabs, repainting border markers and installing additional lighting facilities.

### Santa Cruz Field Dedicated

MORE THAN 40 planes participated in the two-day air show on November 11-12 at the dedication of the Santa Cruz airport at Capitola, Calif.

The site was presented to the city by Fred Hihn and its development made possible by Noel Patterson, Claude Wilson, the airport manager and Hollis Peck of the Santa Cruz Flying Club.

Among the participants were John Preston and J. Myrten Johnson, with Capt. William Royle at the microphone. The program included stunt and acrobatic flying, and parachute jumps.

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# AIRLINES and AIR TRAVEL

## Douglas Service to Miami Opens

EIGHT-HOUR service between New York and Miami over the 1200-mile route was inaugurated November 19 by Eastern Air Lines using the first of a fleet of nine new Douglas transports recently ordered in an expansion and schedule speed-up program.

Two round trips, with passengers, mail and express, are flown each day on a limited stop basis, with the stops approximately 175 miles apart. On the daylight flight, stops are made at Washington, Raleigh, Savannah and Jacksonville; the night flight stops are at Washington, Charleston and Jacksonville.

The flagship of the EAL fleet is the "Florida Flyer" which set a new trans-continental record of 12 hours 4 minutes before going into regular service.

## TWA Moves To Bennett Field

TRANSFER OF passenger, mail and express operations of TWA, Inc., from Newark, N. J., to Floyd Bennett Field, New York's municipal airport at Brooklyn, N. Y., will take place sometime this

month, and a seaplane taxi service inaugurated in the near future to ferry passengers from the field to the Wall Street and mid-town ramps, saving considerable travel time.

The airport is undergoing much improvement work, including construction of repair shops and personnel quarters. Two hangars are being equipped to house TWA's Douglas airliners.

Newark, meanwhile has agreed to give the other operators free rental and forego other charges for the first six months of next year. The city has also agreed to improve the runways by lengthening and hard-surfacing them and to install additional lighting equipment.

## New Passenger Service Gains

THE FIRST month's business in passenger traffic over the New Orleans-Houston airway exceeded expectations of the Robertson Airplane Service Co., St. Louis. Three Ryans are in service and frequently reservations have outnumbered the seating capacity, according to F. H. Robertson, president of the company.

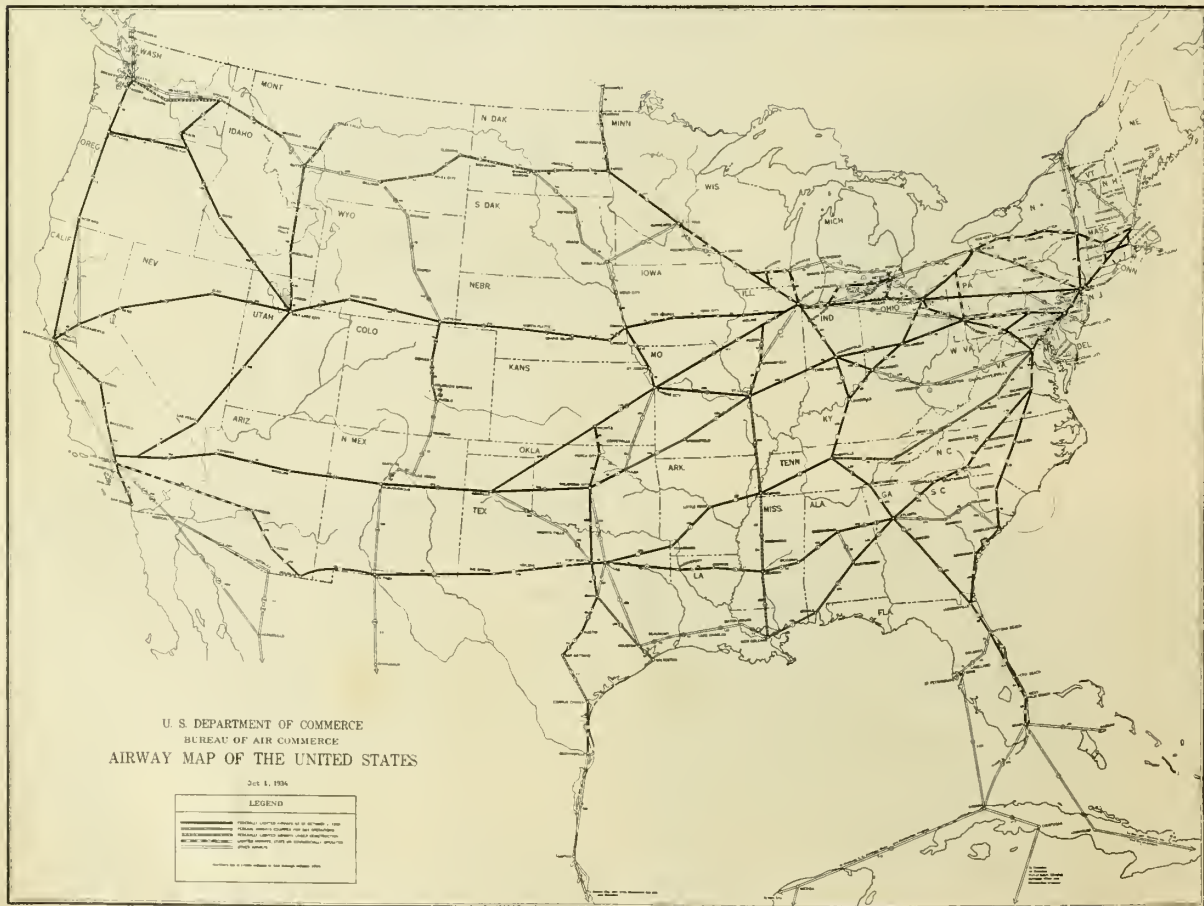
## Pacific Seaboard Traffic Up 600%

ST. LOUIS passenger and express traffic over Pacific Seaboard Air Lines, Inc., increased more than 600 per cent in October as compared to the same month last year, according to W. H. Hotel, assistant general traffic manager. The principal increase is in St. Louis-Memphis passenger business.

## 56,411 Passengers Flew in August

SCHEDULED OPERATIONS of air transport lines of the United States for August, 1934, show increases in express and mail poundage, passengers and passenger miles in comparisons with the preceding month.

According to the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, air express totaled 311,011 pounds, an increase of 33.4% from July and representing a new all-time monthly high. Air mail reached 781,497 pounds, the highest it has been in 1934, while 56,411 passengers were flown 23,363,379 passenger miles. For the first eight months of the year 329,020 passengers were carried.



## No Decrease in Winter Schedules

UNITED AIR Lines' winter schedules will be substantially those which have been in effect in the fall and the company will fly in excess of 1,000,000 miles a month, providing eight schedules a day between Chicago, Cleveland and New York, three coast-to-coast trips, and one round-trip a day between Chicago and Kansas City. Included in its activities on the Pacific coast will be seven round-trips daily between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

There are now only four stops between

Los Angeles and Chicago, and six to New York on United's midcontinent route. The November schedules were  $2\frac{3}{4}$  hours faster eastbound and 2 hours faster westbound than those of the previous month.

Through changed connections with Pennsylvania Air Lines at Cleveland, United has also speeded up its service from California to Pittsburgh and Washington. It now has a 5 hour 5 minute service from Chicago to Washington via Cleveland.

## Death Valley Service Operating

WILLIAMS AIR Service inaugurated regular schedules between Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., and the new Furnace Creek Airport in Death Valley on November 1. Fairchild and Stinson planes, equipped with two-way radios are used, with Paul Williams, Charles Frith and Rod Keenan as pilots.

One round-trip daily is made, with a stop at Trona. Base operations are at the new airport in Death Valley.

## Braniff Curtails Schedules

PASSENGER SERVICE beyond Kansas City to Chicago was discontinued by Braniff Airways, Inc., in line with the company's previous policy of curtailing passenger service during the winter. The change has no effect upon the line's night mail planes.

Although the company still is considering transfer of its shops from Oklahoma City into the United Air Lines hangar at Dallas, the deal has not been closed.

## Speedier Mail Service Sought

A CHANGE in air mail schedules from the west coast is sought by Provo, Utah, to give intermountain points a 12-hour advantage. Mail now leaving San Francisco and Oakland on night planes would, it is felt, better be taken on planes leaving coast terminals at 8 a.m., arriving in Salt Lake at 2 p.m., and speeding up delivery, it is pointed out.

## Philadelphia Service Improved

SPEEDING UP of air passenger service from Philadelphia to various points in the mid-west and Pacific coast resulted through schedule changes made effective October 1 by United Air Lines. Time from Philadelphia to Detroit was cut to four hours, and passengers leaving the Quaker City at 11 a.m. reach all major Pacific coast cities at breakfast-time the next morning.

## Express Shipment Weighs Half Ton

THE LARGEST shipment of air express ever received at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., arrived via TWA. It weighed 1,004 pounds and consisted of 137 boxes of electrolytes being sent to California newspapers.

## Speedier Equipment Brings Business

THE PASSENGER flow averages through Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., present an interesting comparison between the last year when TWA used the old Ford transports and this year when the new Douglas 14-passenger equipment was put into operation.

During the last year of the Fords, they averaged nine passengers per flight. Since inauguration of the new Douglas service, the average has been thirteen per flight. Elimination of the slower equipment and replacing them with the Douglas 200 mile-per-hour service developed a passenger flow gain through Grand Central Air Terminal alone of more than 35 per cent.

## American Douglas Sets Record

AMERICAN AIRLINES made a new commercial speed record on the Fort Worth-Chicago run, covering the 824 miles in 3 hours 52 minutes, at an average speed of 213 miles an hour. The previous best time on the run was 4 hours 22 minutes. A Douglas airliner, first of a fleet of 10 put into operation by the company with Pilots J. G. Ingram and William B. Lester at the controls, carried seven passengers and express while making the record.

## New Airways Lights Operating

FOUR ROTATING beacon lights on the Galveston-Waco airway were put into operation October 26 and it is expected that all beacon lights on this new airway will be in operation soon. The lights now operating are of the 24-inch rotating type, each having two course lights. They are located six miles east of Wellborn, Tex., four miles north of Bryan, one mile northeast of Highbank and one mile northeast of Guda. The remaining beacons yet to be turned on are at La Marque, League City, Satsuma, Hockley, Whitehall, Navasota, Hearne and Hammond, Tex. Lighted intermediate landing fields are being established at Navasota and Hammond, where it is expected the lights will be illuminated within the next three months.

## Northwest Airlines Speeds Service

FAST SCHEDULES between Chicago and Seattle were inaugurated November 5 when multi-motored Lockheed *Electra* service was established by Northwest Airlines over the entire northern transcontinental route.

The new schedules call for a total elapsed time between Chicago, the Twin Cities and Seattle of 14 hours 45 minutes westbound and 15 hours 15 minutes eastbound, flying over the shortest route between Chicago and Seattle.

Under the new schedule, planes leave Chicago at 5:00 a.m. and arrive in Seattle at 5:45 p.m., from Seattle planes leave at 5:30 a.m. and arrive in Chicago at 10:45 that evening.

## Scheduled Airway Operators

Route No.	Operator	Routes Operated	Route Mileage	Class of Service
①	American Airlines, Inc.	New York to Springfield, Mass. 124 Chicago to Los Angeles 323 Chicago to New York (via Buffalo) 774 Boston to New York 192 Boston to Cleveland (via Buffalo) 591 Cleveland to Nashville 469 New York to Nashville 808 Washington to Chicago (via Charleston, W. Va.) 679	MPE MPE MPE MPE MPE MPE	
②	Bowen Air Lines, Inc.	Cleveland to Detroit 95 Chicago to Fort Worth 950 Nashville to Fort Worth 658 New York to Montreal 332 Chicago to Detroit 206	MPE MPE MPE MPE	
③	Braniff Airways, Inc.	Fort Worth to Houston 255 Dallas to Brownsville 546	PE PE	
④	Central Airlines, Inc.	Chicago to Fort Worth (via Kansas City, Tulsa & Oklahoma City) 945 Chicago to Dallas (via Kansas City & Wichita) 965	PE MPE	
⑤	Chesapeake Air Ferries, Inc.	Washington to Detroit 459	MPE	
⑥	Delta Air Service Corp.	Baltimore to Ocean City 123 Dallas to Charleston, S. C. 1061	PE MPE	
⑦	Eastern Air Lines, Inc.	New York to New Orleans (via Atlanta) 1296 New York to Miami (via Charleston, S. C.) 1144 Chicago to Jacksonville 923 New York to Washington 209	MPE MPE MPE MPE	
⑧	Alfred Frank	Salt Lake City to Great Falls 489	MPE	
⑨	General Airlines, Inc.	San Diego to Salt Lake City 702 Seattle to Bremerton 15	MPE PE	
⑩	Hanford Tri-State Airlines, Corp.	St. Paul to Kansas City 529 Sioux Falls to Bramanck 315 Chicago to Winthrop 824	MPE MPE MPE	
⑪	Island Airlines, Inc.	New Bedford to Nantucket 50	PE	
⑫	Long & Harmon, Inc.	Fort Worth to Brownsville 516 Fort Worth to Galveston 286 Fort Worth to Amarillo 315	MPE MPE MPE	
⑬	National Airways, Inc.	Boston to Bangor 213 Boston to Burlington 193 Burlington to Montreal 73	MPE MPE MP	
⑭	National Air Lines System, Inc.	Daytona Beach to St. Petersburg 149	MP	
⑮	New York Airways, Inc.	Atlantic City to New York 97 Atlantic City to Philadelphia 97	PE PE	
⑯	Northwest Airlines, Inc.	St. Paul to Chicago (via Milwaukee) 408 St. Paul to Chicago (via Rochester) 356 St. Paul to Fargo 215 Fargo to Seattle 127	PE PE MPE MPE	
⑰	Pacific Seaboard Air Lines, Inc.	Chicago to New Orleans 872	PE	
⑱	Pan American Airways, Inc.	Miami to Havana 120 Miami to San Juan 1190 San Juan to Paramaribo 1278 Paramaribo to Buenos Aires 4640 Miami to Cristobal (via San Salvador) 2228 Miami to Cristobal (via Kingston & Barranquilla) 1811 Barranquilla to Port of Spain 1021 Miami to Nassau 186 Tampa to Havana 339	MPE MPE MPE MPE MPE MPE MPE MPE MPE PE	
⑲	Pan American Airways, Inc. (Aerovias Centrales)	Brownsville to Mexico City 456 Mexico City to Mexico City 951 Mexico City to San Salvador 304 Kingston to Port au Prince 161 Bellem (Para) to Manaos 852 Vera Cruz to Merida 530	MPE MPE MPE MPE PE PE	
⑳	Pan American Airways, Inc. (Aerovias Centrales)	Los Angeles to Mexico City 1684 El Paso to Durango 663 Hogaza to Mexican 665	PE PE PE	
㉑	Pan American Grace Airways, Inc.	Cristobal, Canal Zone to Montevideo, Uruguay (via Santiago, Chile) 4552	MPE	
㉒	Pennsylvania Airlines & Transport, Inc.	Washington to Detroit 410 Detroit to Milwaukee 265	PE MPE	
㉓	Robertson Airplane Service Co.	Houston to Orleans 329	MPE	
㉔	Seattle-Victoria Air Mail, Inc.	Seattle to Victoria 74	M	
㉕	TWA, Inc.	New York to Los Angeles (via Chicago) 2594 New York to Los Angeles (via Columbus & St. Louis) 2867 New York to Chicago (via Pittsburgh) 756	PE MPE PE	
㉖	United Air Lines, Inc.	New York to San Francisco 2947 Kansas City to Chicago 411 San Diego to Seattle 1161 Salt Lake City to Seattle 816 Pendleton to Spokane 169 Spokane to Seattle 230 Seattle to Vancouver 119	PE PE MPE MPE PE PE	
㉗	Varney Speed Lines, Inc.	Pueblo to El Paso 519 Denver to Pueblo 103	MP P	
㉘	Varney Speed Lines, Inc. (Lines Aereas Occidentales)	Los Angeles to Mexico City (via Nogales) 1682	PE	
㉙	Wilmington-Catalina Airline	Wilmington to Avalon 31	PE	
㉚	Wyoming Air Service, Inc.	Cheyenne to Pueblo 199 Cheyenne to Billings 380	MPE MPE	

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# THE INDUSTRY IN GENERAL

## Kinner To Increase Production

POINTING TO a growing demand for low-priced sport and training planes, W. B. Kinner, president of the Security National Aircraft Corp., Van Nuys, Calif., announced that the company had completed and delivered its fifteenth Security Airster and was preparing to start production of 25 additional 2-place, low-wing monoplanes. In addition, the company is beginning work on a new 100-horsepower, air-cooled engine for sport and training airplanes, Kinner said. Designed for economy of operation and ease of maintenance, the new engine will be built primarily for the folding-wing Airster, but will be offered to other airplane manufacturers when it is in quantity production.

R. Hesselberg-Meyer A/S, of Oslo, Norway, has been appointed exclusive sales agent for the Security company in the Scandinavian countries, and has purchased a special Airster as a demonstrator.

Because suitable landing fields in the Scandinavian countries are scarce, the new Airster for Norway is being equipped with a convertible landing gear for use with pontoons and skis as well as wheels. Floats are being installed by the Edo Aircraft Corp., College Point, N. Y., before shipment to Norway. Skis will be installed after delivery in Europe.

## 100th Double Row Engine Completed

THE 100th double row engine turned out by the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp., E. Hartford, Conn., since that type in both the Wasp and Wasp Junior sizes was put into production, was completed in October.

The engine was a Twin Wasp Junior with a displacement of 1,535 cu. in., rated 700 h.p., at 2,500 r.p.m., at 8,500 ft. It was built for the United States Navy and is a reduction gear propeller drive type.

The first installation of a Pratt & Whitney double row engine was in a Vought Corsair. Since then the engine has been installed in a number of inter-

esting experimental projects being conducted by the Navy, including a Grumman amphibian scout and a single engine Martin bomber and torpedo plane.

## AIRCRAFT OUTPUT GAINS; 1285 UNITS PRODUCED

AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS produced 1,285 aircraft during the first nine months of 1934, which according to the Bureau of Air Commerce, is 220 more than were manufactured during the same period in 1933.

Of the 673 commercial craft for domestic use, 518 were monoplanes; 213 being open cockpit and 305 cabin types. The biplanes included 110 cabin craft and 45 open cockpit types. Production for military delivery reached 306 units and a similar number were produced for the export market.

## Timken Appoints Moore

WHITLEY B. MOORE has been appointed General Manager of the Industrial Division of The Timken Roller Bearing Co., Canton, Ohio. At the close of the war Moore joined the Timken engineering staff and subsequently became associated with the sales engineering staff.

In 1921, he was transferred to the Pacific Coast in charge of sales in that territory; in 1924 he was made assistant general sales manager of the industrial division, and in 1930 he was elevated to the sales managership.

## 100 New Receivers Ordered

ONE HUNDRED airway radio beacon receivers of a new type designed by the communications department of United Air Lines have been ordered by United Air Lines from the Western Electric Company, with deliveries already under way at this time. More selectivity and greater sensitivity are major features of the new radio unit.

## 57,023,426 Gallons of Fuel Used

CIVIL AND government aircraft in the United States consumed more than 57,000,000 gallons of gasoline and almost 2,000,000 gallons of oil during 1933, according to a survey made by the Bureau of Air Commerce.

Civil aircraft in scheduled air transport service and miscellaneous operations used 26,326,796 gallons of gasoline and 924,411 gallons of oil and 8,861,104 gallons of gasoline and 368,681 gallons of oil, respectively, for a total of 35,187,900 gallons of gasoline and 1,293,092 gallons of oil.

Government aircraft (including Army, Navy, Marine, Bureau of Air Commerce, National Guard, and the Coast Guard) consumed 21,835,526 gallons of gasoline and 706,367 gallons of oil. The grand total is 57,023,426 gallons of gasoline and 1,999,459 gallons of oil.

## Approved Type Certificates Issued

THE BUREAU of Air Commerce of the Department of Commerce has awarded approved type certificates during the past month to the following aircraft:

Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, Calif., model Orion 9F-1, a 5-place closed land monoplane powered by a Wright Cyclone SR-1820F-3 engine rated 650 h.p. ATC 557.

Boeing Aircraft Corp., Seattle, Wash., model 247-D and 247-E, 13-place closed land monoplane powered by two P. & W. Wasp S1H1-G (247-D), or S1D1-G (247-E) engines rated 550 h.p. each. ATC 558.

In the components and accessories division, ATC 47 was awarded to Bendix Aviation Corp., South Bend, Ind., covering its type C 15.00-16, magnesium cast, landing gear wheel, which has an approved static load of 10,200 lbs.

## United Export Company Organized

UNITED AIRCRAFT Exports Corp. has just been formed as a new subsidiary of United Aircraft Corp. Offices of the new company will be located in East Hartford, Conn., where it will take over the business and the assets of United Aircraft Exports, Inc., a subsidiary of the former United Aircraft & Transport Corp.

Charles W. Deeds, former vice-president of the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co., has been elected president of the new organization, J. Reed Miller has been elected secretary and treasurer and E. B. Haines and Stephan A. McClellan have been elected assistants to the president.

The new corporation will handle all export business for Pratt & Whitney, Chance Vought, Hamilton Standard, United Airports of Connecticut, and Sikorsky, all United Aircraft Corp. units.



Kingsford-Smith's P. & W.-powered Lockheed which made the trans-Pacific flight





The Wasp Junior-powered Waco Model D equipped for private use

**Fairchild Dealer Progressive**

TO PROMOTE sales of Fairchild airplanes, St. Louis Flying Service, Inc., of St. Louis, has set up a fund to finance the trading in of used airplanes for new ships, according to W. W. Kratz, vice-president of the corporation, which is Fairchild distributor in the Central states.

In the first two months that the St. Louis company has had the distributorship, three "24's" and one "22" have been sold.

**New Company Incorporated**

BEELER AIRCRAFT Sales has been incorporated at Lincoln, Neb. Incorporators are R. A. Nelson and M. W. Beeler.

**Kellett Appoints Sky Ad Licensees**

THE FOLLOWING firms have completed arrangements with the Kellett Autogiro Corporation Sky Ads Division to act as exclusive licensees and representatives for Kellett Sky Ads in their particular countries: Brazil: Antonio Lartigau Seabra, Rio De Janeiro; Cuba: Crusellas y. Compania, S/A, Havana; Argentine, Paraguay and Uruguay: Tri American Aviation, Inc., Buenos Aires; and in Puerto Rico: H. & N. Basso Airways, San Juan.

In addition, licensing agreements have been completed in this country with: John Abiuso, Southern Pennsylvania; Licon Airways, Inc., Eastern Florida; Bloomsburg Flying Club, Eastern Central Pennsylvania; Soule Autogiro Sales Co., Northeastern Pennsylvania; Link Aeronautical Corp., Cortland, N. Y.; Eckel's Air Service, Inc., Washington, N. J.; Ehlinger & Higgs, Inc., Oklahoma and Aviation Associates, Inc., Eastern Central Missouri and Western Central Illinois.

**. Digest of Recent Events .**

**Jones-Waller Hold New Flight Marks**

CATHCART JONES and Kenneth Waller completed their round-trip flight between England and Australia in 13 days 6 hours 43 minutes, a new record for the 22,600 miles. Flying their twin-engine deHavilland *Comet* which placed third among the winners in the MacRobertson Speed Race, the English pilots flew to a new record between Darwin and England, negotiating that leg of the flight in 5 days 15 hours 43 minutes, or 3 days 6 hours faster than the former mark. NOV. 2

**Douglas Sets New City-to-City Records**

NEW SPEED records were established by a TWA Douglas flying its regular run over the Chicago - Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh-New York legs of the Kansas City-New York schedule. Between Chicago and Pittsburgh, its average was 223 m.p.h.; between Pittsburgh and New York, it was 246 m.p.h. Total flying time from Chicago to New York (725 miles) was 3 hours 7 minutes, averaging a speed of 232.6 miles per hour. NOV. 8

**Stock Plane Altitude Record Is Broken**

IN A Curtiss-Wright Junior, William F. Condon ascended to an altitude of 13,400 feet, believed to be a new record for a stock plane without special equipment. The previously accepted mark was about 12,600 feet made in Coblenz, Germany. Condon was in the air over Brockton, Mass., for 82 minutes. NOV. 11

**Transport Rises 5 Miles In Peru to Set Record**

ASCENDING 26,100 feet, a standard tri-motored Ford owned by Pan American Grance Air-

ways and piloted by T. D. Jardine, central division superintendent, broke the Peruvian as well as the South American altitude record. Cosmic ray observations from the plane were conducted by Prof. S. A. Koriff, of the California Institute of Technology, who for some time has made such studies around Mount El Misti near Arequipa in Peru. NOV. 12

**Piccards Reached 57,979 Feet in Flight**

AN ALTITUDE of 57,979 feet, or close to 11 miles, was attained by Dr. and Mrs. Jean Piccard on their last stratosphere flight. They took off from the Ford Airport, Dearborn, Mich., shortly after daybreak Oct. 22 and landed near Cadiz, Ohio, that afternoon. NOV. 17

**Kingsford-Smith and Taylor Span Pacific**

WITH 2,408 miles of non-stop flying behind them, Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith and Capt. P. G. Taylor landed at the Oakland, Calif., airport, just one minute short of 15 hours out of Honolulu, bringing to a close their three-stage flight of 7,350 miles from Australia, the Fiji Islands and Hawaii. Their plane was the P. & W. powered Lockheed Altair *Lady Southern Cross*, their time about nine hours better than the old record, and their elapsed flying time from Australia 51 hours. NOV. 4

**Douglas Sets New Coast-to-Coast Mark**

FLYING AT an average speed of 216.3 miles an hour, a Douglas airliner owned by Eastern Airlines completed a Burbank, Calif., to Newark, N. J., flight in 12 hours 3 minutes 50 seconds, cutting 58 minutes 10 seconds from the best previous mark for a commercial plane. Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker, two pilots and three passengers made the trip, flying at times at an altitude of 17,000 feet. One stop was made at Kansas City, extra fuel tanks for 360 gallons precluding the necessity of additional landings for fuel. NOV. 8

**. Coming Events .**

**Air Show**

Fourteenth International Aero Salon, Paris, France. NOV. 16-DEC. 2

**SAE Meeting**

Aviation night, Metropolitan Section, Society of Automotive Engineers. DEC. 10

**Challenge Race**

Handicap race for Viceroy's

Challenge Trophy. From Calcutta to Bombay. DEC. 15-16

**Miami Races**

Seventh Annual All-American Air Races, Miami Municipal Airport, Miami, Fla. JAN. 10-12

**Boeing Competition**

Entries for Sixth Annual Wm. E. Boeing Scholarships close. Boeing School of Aeronautics, Oakland, Calif. MAR. 15

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### Martin Boat Nears Test Stage

THE FIRST of three flying boats constructed for transoceanic passenger-carrying service, will be completed at the Glenn L. Martin plant in Baltimore, Md., this month and launched on her trial flights. The planes are being built for Pan American Airways. The second boat will be completed and get its trial flight next spring, while the third will take the air next summer.

The planes are constructed of duraluminum, and will weigh 23,000 pounds empty and 51,000 pounds loaded. Four P. & W. double row engines of 800 horsepower each will furnish the power. Each plane will be capable of carrying forty-eight passengers and a crew of five, and will be equipped with sleeping accommodations and other fittings necessary for occupancy by passengers for several days.

Kenneth Ebel is expected to take the first plane up on its trial flight, which will be made before the interior furnishings equipping it for ocean travel have been installed.

### S-T Production Behind Orders

THE INITIAL group of the new Ryan S-T low-wing monoplanes has been sold in advance of production, according to Earl D. Prudden, vice-president of the Ryan Aeronautical Co., manufacturers. While efforts are being made at the San Diego factory to meet the demand for



Production line in Boeing factory as ten 247-D's neared completion

this new plane, it is expected production schedules will not meet delivery dates on back orders until the end of the year.

The Ryan company also announced that Leonard R. Peterson, Inc., Seattle, Wash., has been appointed northwest distributor. Peterson will use the Ryan S-T for primary training and advanced aerobatics at his school at Boeing Field.

Harry Payne Bingham, Arlington, Vt., has ordered an S-T super sportster. Further announcements by the company reported that Walter Locke was appointed purchasing agent and Verne Murdock was added to the production department.

### Pitcairn Exports Autogiro

ACCOMPANYING JIMMY Ray when he sailed for Europe recently was a PA-24, four-place cabin autogiro which will be delivered to the manufacturer of Guinness "Stout." This is the second giro Guinness has purchased, and is a duplicate of the one he took delivery on last year.

Guinness uses his aircraft to fly between Dublin and London where his business interests are located. The PA-24 is powered by a Wright Whirlwind engine of 420 h.p., has fixed cantilever wings and tail surfaces, and a tilting rotor system for longitudinal stability.

### Stinson Distributor Appointed

AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES, Inc., through its president, Major C. C. Moseley, and the Stinson Aircraft Corp., through its general western factory representative, Lee H. Smith, closed a contract whereby the former will act as distributor in Southern California and as the service agency throughout the Pacific coast district for the latter company's products. Headquarters, sales rooms and service shops will be at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., for Stinson airplanes, Lycoming aircraft engines and Smith controllable-pitch propellers.

### Ten 247-D's Delivered

DELIVERY TO United Air Lines of ten new high-speed, twin-engined Boeing 247-D transport planes was completed last month by the Boeing Aircraft Co., Seattle, Wash.

Performance figures show that the twin-Wasp 247-D has a top speed of 200 miles an hour and can climb to 11,500 feet on either of its engines. At the same time, it embodies a variety of improvements in passenger comfort facilities as compared to its predecessor, the 247.

In all, the Boeing company produced 75 Model 247 and 247-D transports. Of these, 70 have gone to United Air Lines, three have been purchased by Deutsche Luft Hansa in Germany and one was flown by Colonel Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangborn to place among the winners in the MacRobertson race.

### Coordinating Committee Organized

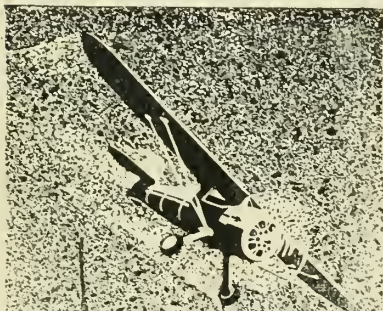
FOUR AERONAUTICAL organizations have formed a Joint Aviation Coordinating Committee to promote the interest of civil aviation in this country. Eight members will make up the group, two each representing the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, the Independent Aviation Operators of the U. S., the N.A.A., and the National Association of State Aviation Officials.

Among its first acts, the committee recommended the establishment of a permanent federal aviation commission to have complete control of all phases of civil aeronautics.

### Collins Joins Lambert Staff

OF INTEREST to a wide circle of friends throughout the Middle West, is the appointment of L. H. Collins as sales representative of the Lambert Aircraft Corp., the Robertson, Mo., builders of Monocoupes. Collins will center his operations in the Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana area during the winter months.

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### Tower Test-Flying Eight Years

EIGHT YEARS of test flying Boeing planes, including everything from tiny pursuits to large multi-motored transports, have been completed by Les Tower of the Boeing Aircraft Company, Seattle.

Tower joined the company as draftsman in 1925 after completing an engineering course at the University of Washington. He gained flying experience with the Army Air Corps and started test flying Boeing planes in 1926. Since then he's taken up virtually every new type commercial and military Boeing plane.

### Largest Blimp at Holmes Airport

THE NEW Goodyear dirigible *Enterprise*, largest of its type, is now based at Holmes Airport, Jackson Heights, New York, where it flew from Akron, Ohio. The 450-mile flight was made in about 8 hours with Verne Smith at the controls.

The ship measures 148 ft. in length, 40 ft. in diameter and has a helium gas capacity of 123,000 cu. ft. It is powered by two engines, has a top speed of 68 m.p.h., and a cruising range of 700 miles when carrying its full 100-gallon supply of fuel.

It can accommodate eight persons, and has a ceiling of 9000 ft.

### Higher Octane Fuels Planned

WITH PLANS under way for a trans-pacific air service from California to the Orient, American oil companies have intensified research on commercial production of aviation fuels of extremely high anti-knock quality, according to Dr. Graham Edgar, vice-president of the Ethyl Gasoline Corp., owned jointly by General Motors Corp., and the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The proposed use in this service of six flying boats, each capable of carrying 32 passengers, indicates the trend toward engines of greater horsepower requiring improved fuel, said Dr. Edgar, in a report of a study of recent progress in aviation.

Experimental fuels of 100 octane number, and above, have been produced, and Dr. Edgar believes aircraft engines of the near future will require gasoline of that quality, and that there is no limit to the usefulness of higher anti-knock values. Within reasonable limits, the power that can be developed from a supercharged aircraft engine is approximately proportional to the octane number of the available fuel.

### North American Profit \$455,095

ACCORDING TO E. R. Breech, president, North American Aviation, Inc., and wholly owned subsidiaries reported a net loss of \$744,846.52 in the first nine months of 1934 after deducting depreciation charges of \$264,957.58 but before including a profit of \$1,199,941.92 realized from the sale of securities. Including the latter, the first nine months of 1934 show a net profit of \$455,095.40.

The net profit of \$455,095.40 would be reduced to \$300,452.37 if there were included therein, North American Aviation's proportion of the net loss of subsidiary not consolidated in which a majority stock interest is held.

### Taylor Exports Cubs

EXPORT SALES of the Taylor Cub have increased and during the past few months planes have been delivered in the Hawaiian Islands and Canada, as well as to Brazil, Czechoslovakia and the Panama Canal Zone.

According to Ted Weld, sales manager of the company, which is located in Bradford, Pa., four planes have already been sold in Brazil and three in the Panama Canal Zone.

### De-icers Planned For Electras

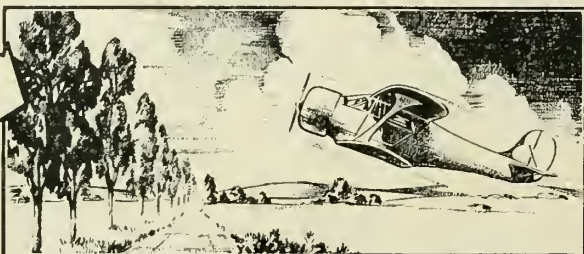
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE been made by Northwest Airlines, Inc., to equip the wings and the propeller hubs of their fleet of Lockheed Electra passenger planes with de-icers. Inasmuch as the airline's business has shown a steady increase this Autumn, it is preparing for extensive winter flying and the maintenance of regular schedules.

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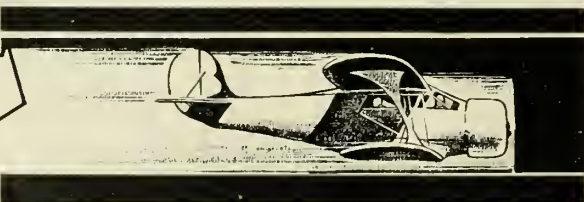
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### United Orders De-Icers

FOLLOWING A year of experimental work and service tests, United Air Lines has placed an order for thirty new-type de-icing units for installation as standard equipment this winter on a like number of its Boeing transports. Deliveries of the de-icers will be made by the B. F. Goodrich Company, and the planes are now being prepared so that the units may be installed at the rate of two a day.

This type of de-icer is considerably lighter than previous similar devices, and completely installed adds only 75 pounds to the total weight of the airplane.

The shoes are composed of articulated tubes of stockinette, a specially knitted fabric, covered with wax-finished rubber. Nine shoes will be required on each transport. Three-tube shoes are used on the leading edges of the outer wing panels, four-tube shoes on the wings between the landing lights and the nacelles and on the stubs between the nacelles and the fuselage, two-tube shoes on the leading edges of the stabilizers and a one-tube shoe on the vertical fin.

Air is supplied from the vacuum pumps, one on each of the plane's Wasp engines, to an oil separator filled with phosphor-bronze gauze. The cleaned air is then routed, at a constant pressure of five

pounds, to a distributor valve operated by a 12-volt motor through a 1120-1 reduction gear, the distributor making one revolution per minute.

From the distributor valve, 3/4-inch dural tubes lead to the de-icing boot valves installed in the skin of the plane on the leading edges of the wing and tail surfaces.

Propeller hubs are equipped with rubber-covered spinners and the hub-ward portions of the blades are protected with sheet-rubber strips, treated with a special de-icing oil. The section of the fuselage opposite the propellers is made of heavier metal to withstand the buffeting of the ice thrown from the propellers.

### Kohnstamm Heads Lighting Division

F. R. KOHNSTAMM has been appointed manager of the Lighting Division of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, according to President F. A. Merrick. In his new position, Mr. Kohnstamm will supervise all lighting activities, including sales, engineering and manufacturing, now conducted at the Westinghouse Cleveland Works, in Edgewater Park. Until his appointment, he was sales promotion manager of the Westinghouse Company, maintaining his headquarters at East Pittsburgh, Penn.

### Heath Production To Be Resumed

PRODUCTION OF small planes is to be resumed at Niles, Mich., by International Aircraft Corp., according to plans announced by C. Duke Miller, who will be in charge of production and management.

The International Aircraft is a reorganization of the Heath corporation, one of the early builders of small planes. For the last two years there has been no production at the plant, activities being restricted to repairs and replacement. A number of trained workers will be added to the plant personnel, and manufacture will, it is reported, be resumed during the winter months.

### Stratosphere Weather Studied

PREPARATIONS WERE made in November at the Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport for observations to determine the changes which take place in the upper air, particularly the stratosphere, during the passage of a storm center. Chris Harmantas, research assistant of the department of meteorology of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, conducted the tests.

Ascents have been made before with sounding balloons, but in these tests the balloons are released one to two hours apart, during atmospheric disturbances.



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# FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

## Australasia

GREAT PACIFIC Airways, Ltd., has been formed in Sydney, with a capitalization of about \$2,500,000 to establish a comprehensive air transport service throughout Australia. New and up-to-date equipment is to be purchased to serve every section of the country. C. T. P. Ulm is one of the directors.

THE RECENTLY organized Autogiro Corp. of Australia has taken delivery of an autogiro which it has imported for advertising, public demonstration, instruction and passenger work. The assembly was done in Australia and a British airworthiness certificate granted.

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WORK ON a number of Demon biplanes ordered for re-equipment of the Royal Australian Air Force is proceeding at the Hawker factory in England. The present order covers 18 planes, all of them two-place craft which embody certain modifications to fit them for operation under Australian conditions. Similar planes will probably be used to equip new coastal defence units to be formed at Cape Town, Durban and Bloemfontein in South Africa.

MACROBERTSON-MILLER Aviation Co., holder of five-year contract for carrying the mails in northwest Australia, is planning to purchase three Dragon Moth cabin biplanes for the service. The company flies a route 2400 miles in length and with the new planes expects to maintain a three-day schedule.

## Canada

FIGURES JUST released by the Civil Aviation Branch show air mail for the first half of the year amounting to 339,311 pounds, 55,000 pounds more than the same period last year. All services, except those connecting with American air mail routes were carried at regular postage. Air mail on the international routes amounted to about 28,000 pounds.

Canada's 23 government sponsored fly-

ing clubs, operated 77 planes during the six months of 1934. There were 2,126 members, 583 of whom were under instruction during that time. The clubs during the six months flew 4,289 hours, an increase of 300 hours over last year's first six months, while 58 members qualified for private pilot licenses and 20 obtained commercial pilot licenses.

Other figures show that Canada had 387 licensed private pilots, 474 commercial pilots and 433 air engineers. Licensed private aircraft numbered 37, while commercial was 296. There were 99 airharbors in operation.



The four-engined de Havilland 86

WINTER AIR mail services have gone into operation throughout eastern Canada as the first winter storms isolated sections of the Maritime provinces and the north shore of the St. Lawrence River. The latter service operates out of Quebec via Seven Islands to Natashquan and Anticosti Island. The service from Moncton, N. B., to Charlottetown and other points on Prince Edward Island operates daily. From Charlottetown a service starts in January for the Magdalen Islands, while the service from London, Ont., to Pelee Island, Lake Erie, was inaugurated this month. These winter services go to points not served by any other mail service in the winter.

K. J. R. MAIN of the Ottawa Flying Club has been appointed instructor of the Toronto Flying Club.

AFTER BEING officially closed for two years, the Toronto air harbor has been re-opened under the management of E. Leigh Capreol, until recently test pilot for de Havilland Aircraft Co. The base is within two minutes drive of the Toronto downtown business and hotel district, and is part of the marine facilities of the city where trans-ocean as well as lake freighters and lake passenger boats dock.

## Denmark

SKAGEN AIRPORT has been opened at Grenen, one of the best-known watering places in northern Denmark. The landing area is immediately in front of the hotel on the beach, and has a hard surface of white sand about 325 yards wide. Skagen's lighthouse and semaphore station provide good landmarks. The proprietor of Skagens Badehotel has constructed a hangar which has accommodations for eight small planes and the field is to be provided with a customs house to facilitate inspections.

## France

A NEW two-deck, 80-passenger flying boat for South Atlantic service is nearing completion in the Latécoere factory at Usine, near Toulouse. Designed by engineers of Air France, the six-engined boat is expected to have a range of 2800 miles at a 160-mile-per-hour cruising speed. It closely follows Latécoere practice, having a high-wing arrangement with stub wings taking the bracing strut stresses.

The fuselage is of metal, while the metal-ribbed wing is fabric covered. The engines are of the Hispano-Suiza 1000-h.p. water-cooled type, fairing into the wing, with the radiators of the cooling system housed in the N.A.C.A. cowlings, an installation said to prove satisfactory both aerodynamically and from the point of view of cooling.

Flight tests are expected to be made in time to have the plane ready for service by next June.

THE FOURTEENTH French aviation show is now being held at the Grand Palais in Paris. Approximately half the planes displayed are from countries outside of France and come from Russia, Germany, Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Great Britain.

PASSENGER SERVICE between Marseilles and Algiers has been inaugurated by Air France, using 14-place Lior et Oliver four-motored equipment. Limited amounts of mail and express are being carried.

## Germany

THE AIRSHIP now under construction at the Zeppelin Company's wharf at Friedrichshafen will be finished in March, 1935. Known as the LZ-129, it will differ from the Zeppelins constructed heretofore, being filled with helium gas, besides being differently shaped.

The new ship provides twenty-five bedrooms, with berths for fifty passengers.

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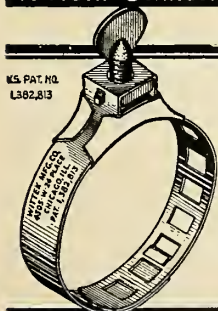
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THE HIGHEST distinction of any German aviator is to receive the Hindenburg Cup, given each year since 1928 for the best amateur performance in the field of German sporting aviation. The Cup for 1933 has been awarded to Karl Schwabe for his flights to Africa covering 16,155 miles.

## Great Britain

FOUR NEW high-speed transport planes for Imperial Airways are now nearing completion and two should be ready for flight tests this month. These are the Avro 652, twin-engined, 8-place monoplanes with an estimated cruising speed of 150 m.p.h. The other two jobs are Boulton-Paul derivations of the mail-carrier. They carry 7 passengers and are powered by two 460 h.p. Jaguar engines.

A NUMBER of twin-engined Overstrand combat planes with gun turrets which eliminate much of the difficulty of accurate shooting at high speeds, have been purchased by the Air Ministry. The turreted gun is an English invention, installed in the nose of the fuselage, its framework being covered with a transparent material which provides excellent visibility in all directions.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS is about to order large planes which are expected to have the range and pay load necessary to meet transatlantic service requirements. According to Sir Eric Geddes, chairman of the company, two flying boats will be built; one to operate in the New York-Bermuda service which is to be operated jointly with Pan American Airways.

DESPITE INCLEMENT weather recently, flying time at the Air Service Training School, has reached 6,362 hours, almost equalling the flying time for the whole of last year. In September alone, more than 820 hours were logged.

SERVICE BETWEEN Hull and Amsterdam has been inaugurated by K.L.M. The city of Hull acquired an airport at Hedon and following successful operations in 1933, expects that other local services will originate from that city. Fare between Hull and Amsterdam has been set at \$25 one way.

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The Italian Cant Z-501 seaplane which flew to a new world's non-stop record of 2,561 miles

to nearly 1000 a week. On one day alone, 206 passengers flew with the company taxing to capacity the eight de Havilland Dragons operating.

## Holland

UNDER THE auspices of the Royal Dutch Aero Club, K.L.M., the National Flying School, the Dutch Touring Club, and other leading bodies connected with aviation in Holland, the first Netherlands Traveling Aviation Exhibition recently held at The Hague has been transferred to Amsterdam. The various exhibits connected with civil and military aircraft make a representative display, and there are stands devoted to radio, meteorology, ground service, aerial photography and cartography, aircraft constructional methods, reliability testing apparatus and the equipment of passenger-carrying aircraft. K. L. M. exhibits include models of the company's aircraft employed since its inception, from the first Fokker C.2 to the F.XXXVI.

FREDERIC KOOLHOVEN who has constructed aircraft in a small factory at Waalhaven airport has now formed a limited liability company under the name of Koolhoven Vliegtuigen NV of Rotterdam. Mr. Koolhoven is Managing Director, and other directors are: C. E. van't Groenewoud, A. D. van Buuren, P. G. C. van Aalst, and J. Mees.

The Koolhoven works have been considerably enlarged, and the new company is working on orders from K. L. M., the National Flying School and others.

## Italy

THE ITALIAN government has inaugurated a design competition in the aviation industry for a heavy bomber which will comply with the latest requirements of aerial warfare. Among the various models expected to enter the com-

petition is the Savia Marchetti S-72, a ship of long range and high speed, especially at altitudes.

THE CANT Z-501 seaplane in which Mario Stoppani, Coradino Corrado and Amadeo Surion flew non-stop 2,561.5 miles from Rome to Eritrea in Northern Africa, is a standard Hispano-Suiza 850 h.p.-engined military scouting plane built by Cantieri Riuniti dell' Adriatico. The record-breaking plane has a wing span of 73 feet, carries a maximum useful load of 7,495 lbs., and attains a top speed of 161 m.p.h. Normally its range is 1,554 miles at cruising speed.

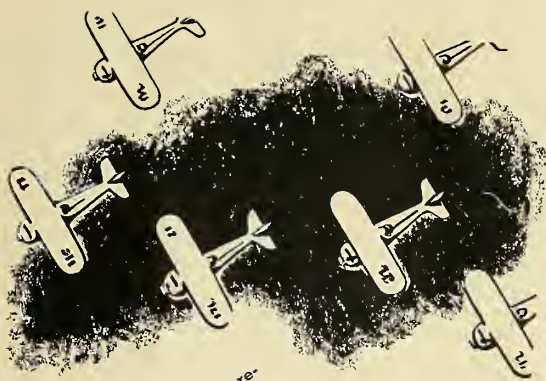
## South America

ONE OF the most extraordinary accomplishments in freight transportation by air was completed when Pan American Grace Airways moved the last of 735 tons of mining machinery from Cuzco to the Huanacopampa minehead in Lima. The flights began in August, were finished early in November, involved 421 round-trips, consumed 425 hours of flying time and were made across the Andean Divide at 16,000 feet. The heaviest single unit carried weighed 4,362 pounds. Tri-motored P.&W. Wasp-powered equipment was used.

AS SOON as the municipality of Manizales cedes the land to the Colombian government, an airport will be constructed thereon so that the city can be served by a regularly scheduled air route.

AN EXTENSION of its route has given Servicio Aereo Colombia service between Medellin and Cali, with planes leaving on a bi-weekly schedule. In addition, a weekly round-trip is made between Medellin and Cartago and the regular schedule maintained between Bogota and Medellin. It is also planned to inaugurate another service between Bogota and Cucuta.





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mined to acquire it. In my view, whatever policy be adopted, in order to justify its sponsorship, must work in practice and accomplish in fact the pacific purpose which it is intended to accomplish.

As to the existence of questionable practices in the export field on the part of some concerns, suggested by certain testimony which has been heard by the Special Committee investigating the munitions industry, my reply is that these

practices can be eliminated in the future by proper methods of control within the limits of our present system.

Wherever international cooperation in restrictive export provisions can be procured, to the end of a concerted effort at promoting peace, or in any specific instance where the government of this country might determine that the isolated restriction of export from this country would actually (and not merely colorably) serve the ends of repressing combatant activity, it can be done effectively through a system of export control cor-

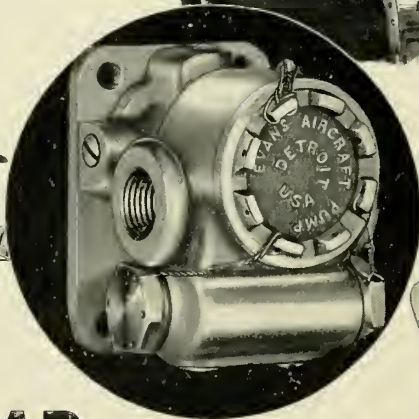
related with our foreign policy.

A contemplated national policy (especially in the absence of joint international action) containing any element of prohibition against the exportation of arms, aircraft or other munitions or potential munitions should be carefully scrutinized from the viewpoint of the results which would accrue therefrom.

The drastic steps which have been considered would not in fact promote international peace, but on the contrary, would simply supplant American sources of supply, transfer payrolls from American to foreign labor, invite foreign exploitation of American patents, processes and products, and other evasive practices, and quite possibly have the effect of a boomerang on pacific objectives through stimulating new sources of manufacture and new races for sales volume.

Such drastic steps are utterly unnecessary in order to insure the furtherance of our foreign policy, the observance of treaties, the conduct of export business on the highest ethical plane, and the elimination of excess profits from any war in which this country should engage—all without the necessity of causing to shrivel the enterprises and industries serving the purposes and uses of commerce and trade in peace-time, upon whose prompt convertibility into the manufacture of military material in wartime, the nation must depend for its security.

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I think it is high time we admitted our error and tried to get commercial aviation back into the air races. Everything is a matter of experiment, but it would seem reasonable to divide next year's prize money say 50-50 between racing planes and A.T.C. planes suitable for closed course racing. This business of making the races purely professional has not worked out, so let us get the ordinary pilots in ordinary commercial airplanes to re-enter the races.

Also—and this is not a small point—let the promoters of the National Air Races realize that these events were not designed solely to put money into the pockets of professional showmen. They were devised as an event at which the aviation industry should show its sale to the public. To-day an airplane manufacturer has considerably less standing at the National Air Races than have the lads who sell hot dogs and "pop".

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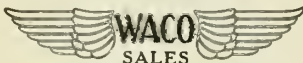
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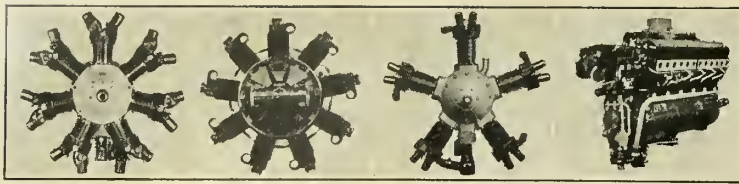
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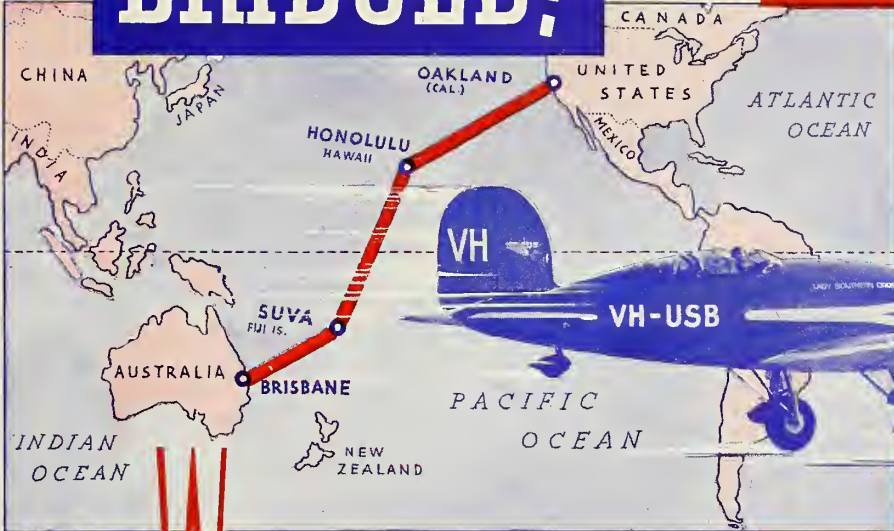
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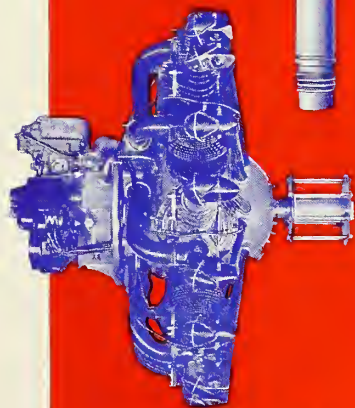
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